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## REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION DATA

VOICE OF AMERICA

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WHERE INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS REQUIRED IN SEC. 1001, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abbreviations of full name are not acceptable)		MR MRS MISS (First) Reed (Middle) (Maiden, if any) (Last) Harris	(Named Albert Reed Harris at birth; Albert dropped and never used in any manner after age 6; all records save birth give single name only)	
2. PLACE OF BIRTH City, County and State of New York		DATE OF BIRTH November 5, 1909		
3. CITIZEN: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF NATURALIZED: DATE OF NATURALIZATION		PLACE OF NATURALIZATION
4. EDUCATION (Circle highest grade completed): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 (12) MARK (X) THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF: <input type="checkbox"/> ELEMENTARY SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL		(A) GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF LAST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED Staunton (Va.) Military Academy (B) SUBJECTS STUDIED IN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH APPLY TO POSITION DESIRED English, American History, Civics		
(C) NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY		MAJOR AND SPECIALTY	DATES ATTENDED FROM TO DAY NIGHT	YEARS COMPLETED DEGREES CONFERRED TITLE DATE
Columbia College in Columbia Univ. New York, New York		English, History	9/28 4/32 3 2	(Some extra courses without credit) 92
G. Washington Univ., Washington, DC		Economics	1/47 6/47	1/2 6
5. COMPLETE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (For history before 1934 see attached sheet)				
DATES	TITLE OF POSITION	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	
5/1934 10/1934	Production Mgr. & Copy Writer	Badger & Browning & Hersey, Inc. (Advertising Agency)	30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York	
11/1934 1/1936	Asst. Editor then Exec. Editor	Federal Emergency Relief Admin. (Central office of a Govt Agency)	1734 New York Ave. NW Washington, D. C.	
2/1936 8/1938	(Various) Asst. Dir. Fed. Writers Proj. Last 4 mos. Consultant	Work Projects Administration (Succeeded FERA, above)	1734 New York Ave. NW Washington, D. C.	
4/1938 1/1939	Mgr. American Dept & Travel Editor	Robbins Travel House (affiliated with Europe on Wheels, Inc.)	366 Madison Avenue New York, New York	
1/1939 7/1942	(Various) Acting N.Y. State Director	U.S. Office of Government Reports (and predecessor, Nat. Emer. Council)	45 Broadway & 521 5th Av New York, New York	
8/1942 12/1945	Field Rep. Chief of Mgmt. Planning Security Officer	Office of War Information (took over OGR personnel)	NYC; then Soc. Sec. Bldg. Washington, D. C.	
5/1944 11/1945	Soldier (Public Relations Specialist & Counter Intell. Trainee)	U. S. Army (Air Force) (Furlough from OWI, above)	Principally Kelly Field, Texas; also MITC Camp Ritchie, Md.	
12/1945 Present	Mgmt. Consultant; chief of communications	U. S. Department of State	Va. Ave. & 21 St Washington 25, D. C.	
6. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR LAST 10 YEARS				
DATE	STREET	CITY	STATE OR COUNTRY	
5/1938 12/1942	700 Riverside Drive & last 4 mos. 635 Riv. Dr.	New York City	New York	
12/1942 4/1944	132 Longfellow St. NW	Washington 11, D. C.	D. C.	
4/44-12/44 & 9/45-11/45	Self in Army; wife and son at 24 N. Park St.	Cambridge (Washington County)	New York	
12/44-9/45	Self in Army but lived partly with wife & son at 819 SW 24th St.	San Antonio, Texas	Texas	
12/45-9/46	2000 Rittenhouse Street	Green Meadows, Hyattsville	Maryland	
10/45-Present	4915 Berkley Street	Crestview (P.O. Washington DC)	Maryland	

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5. Employment History (Prior to May, 1934)

8/24 - 6/27 (Part-time)	Apprentice printer & reporter	Washington County Post	Cambridge, N.Y.
7/27 - 8/31	Editor of college daily	(No paid employment this period: was in college and school; but served about 4 yrs. on college daily, from jr. ed. to editor in chief - Columbia Daily Spectator, Columbia U.)	New York, N.Y.
8/31 - 4/32	New York Times Circulation Rep.	New York Times	225 W. 43 St. New York, N. Y.
4/32 - 10/32	Self-employed Writer	Self (Free lanced - wrote 2 books, articles, etc. incl. many news features)	313 W. 107 St. New York, N. Y.
10/32 - 2/33	Reporter	New York Journal	210 South St. New York, N. Y.
2/33 - 2/34	Asst. Studio Mgr.	Robert Mack, Inc. (Ad. photo agency)	139 East 69 New York, N. Y.
2/34 - 5/34	Asst. unit supervisor	Civil Works Admin. (Survey of unemployment relief)	111 Eighth Ave. New York, N. Y.

July 18, 1950Reed Harris





United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. ~~123-5600~~

Date: August 16, 1950

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: **REED HARRIS, aka Albert Reed Harris**  
**SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT**  
**Public Law, 402, 80th Congress**  
**VOICE OF AMERICA**

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by **August 20, 1950.**

Address: **2915 Portloy St., Crofton (P.O. Washington, D.C.), Maryland.**

Birth date: **November 5, 1909**

Place: **New York, New York**

State Department, G-2, CSC and HCUA files.

Bring your file 121-5200. Bring the investigation up to date. Copies of the previous LGS reports have been furnished the State Department.

**NEW YORK CITY**

Under file 121-3462. Do not include matter previously reported as the State Department has copies of the LGS reports. Bring the investigation up to date.

Enclosure

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New York (SD) (ENC.)

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

OCT 28 1950

Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

REED HARRIS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

Reference is made to my letter dated November 26, 1948 which transmitted reports concerning Reed Harris for consideration under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Additional investigation concerning Mr. Harris has been conducted as required by Public Law 402, 80th Congress. Transmitted herewith for consideration under Executive Order 9835 are copies of reports of investigation conducted by this Bureau in discharging its responsibilities under Public Law 402 of the 80th Congress. It will be noted that these reports in order to comply with the above Public Law necessarily contain information concerning character and reputation, a type of information not ordinarily included in reports of investigation conducted pursuant to Executive Order 9835. No additional investigation will be conducted under the Loyalty Program, unless specifically requested.

Report of Special Agent Robert W. McDonough, dated September 1, 1950 at Albany, New York.

Report of Special Agent John J. Roth, dated August 30, 1950 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent John H. Kenoyer, dated September 21, 1950 at Washington, D. C.

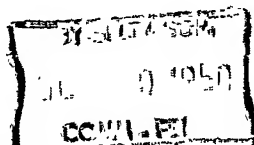
Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition which is made of this case.

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*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
D.H.  
Rosen  
J.H.

Date: October 9, 1950

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief  
Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: REED HARRIS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

There are transmitted herewith the following reports covering the completed investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-named person:

Report of Special Agent Robert W. McDonough, dated September 1, 1950 at Albany, New York.

Report of Special Agent John J. Roth, dated August 30, 1950 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent John H. Kenoyer, dated September 21, 1950 at Washington, D. C.

There are also transmitted herewith the following reports reflecting the results of a previous investigation conducted by this Bureau, on the above-named individual, for another Government agency:

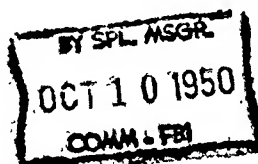
Report of Special Agent William A. Leece, dated November 1, 1948 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Melvin A. Thompson, dated October 27, 1948 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Robert W. McDonough, dated September 29, 1948 at Albany, New York.

Report of Special Agent Oliver Ormond, dated October 11, 1948 at San Antonio, Texas.

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Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief, Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Robert B. Haag, dated September 27, 1948  
at St. Louis, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent J. Woodrow Gilmore, dated October 21, 1948  
at Savannah, Georgia.

Report of Special Agent Richard W. Allen, dated October 13, 1948  
at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent William A. Leece, dated November 16, 1948  
at Washington, D. C.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **121-5280**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/21/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/17, 23, 24, 31 &amp; 9/12, 13, 15, 18/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN H. KENOYER-AJE</b>
TITLE <b>REED HARRIS aka: ALBERT REED HARRIS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Present employment by State Department verified—favorable. Supervisors, neighbors, and references recommended HARRIS concerning character, reputation, and loyalty. G-2, CSC, and HCUA records reflected no additional pertinent information. State Department (SY) and criminal records negative. Credit records reflected six "satisfactory" credit accounts and a "mechanic's lien" on applicant's home.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau File No. 123-5600  
Bureau Letter to Washington Field dated August 16, 1950

**DETAILS:** *10-11-50 photo. 3/25/53* AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

**EMPLOYMENT**

*AGENCY photo. Dept. of Labor*  
REQ. REC'D **10-23-50**  
REP'T FORW. **11-10-50**  
BY **BLS-ira**

A review of the applicant's personnel file, maintained by the Department of State in the Walker-Johnson Building reflected that as of August 10, 1947, the applicant was employed as Chief of the Division of Communications and Records, Office of the Chief, State Department, Washington, D. C. On January 17, 1949, he received an intra-agency transfer and reassignment to the position of Information and Editorial Specialist (adviser), Office of Public Affairs, Office of the Director, Department of State, Washington, D. C. On August 21, 1949, he received an intra-agency transfer and reassignment to the position of Chief, Division of Publications, Information and Editorial Specialist (general), Department of State, Washington, D. C. On August 21,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Harry Hottel</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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1950, he was reassigned and transferred to the position of Special Assistant, Office of Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, Office of the General Manager, Department of State, Washington, D. C., in which position he is currently employed. The applicant's efficiency ratings during 1948 and 1949 were indicated as "excellent" and his supervisor as JAMES W. SWIHART. This file indicated that Mr. HARRIS was born on November 5, 1909, New York City, and reflected his address as 4915 Berkley Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. There was no further pertinent or any unfavorable information reflected in this file.

Mr. JAMES W. SWIHART, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs, State Department Annex Number Three, advised that he has known Mr. HARRIS as an employee of the State Department for the past five years and has been his supervisor during the last couple years. Mr. SWIHART indicated that the applicant has been an excellent and reliable employee and one whose honesty, loyalty, and integrity have been above reproach. He further stated that Mr. HARRIS is very conscientious and industrious and that he knows nothing unfavorable in respect to his character or reputation. He added that he has had no social contact with Mr. HARRIS and knows nothing of his outside activities.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. MAY DOYLE, 13 Berkley Street, Crestview, Maryland, advised that her opinion of Mr. HARRIS and his wife has not changed since she was interviewed in 1948 and that she knows nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon his character, reputation, or loyalty.

Mrs. FREDERICK W. NESLINE, 6 Berkley Street, Crestview, Maryland, advised that neither she nor her husband have changed their opinion of the HARRISES since Mr. NESLINE was last interviewed. She indicated that they have had quite frequent neighborly contact with the HARRISES during the past two years and that she did not hesitate to recommend them concerning their character, reputation, and loyalty.

#### REFERENCES

Mr. WALTER H. ANDERSON, Chief of the Records Branch, Division of Communications and Records, Department of State, advised that he first met Mr. HARRIS at the time that the latter took over the position as Chief of the Division of Communications and Records, which was during the latter part of 1945. Mr. ANDERSON stated that as Chief of the Records Branch, he was under the supervision of Mr. HARRIS and that he found Mr. HARRIS to be an excellent man as a supervisor. He further stated that the applicant is very straightforward and one who was very well-liked by all of the other employees.

Mr. ANDERSON advised that he has had no other association with the applicant aside from an office party, at which he met Mrs. HARRIS, who seemed to be a very respectable woman. He indicated that he would have no hesitation in recommending the applicant concerning his character, reputation, loyalty, and qualifications.

Mr. JAMES W. SHERIDAN, Chief, Office of Budget of Finance, Division of Budget, Chief of Public Affairs and International Organization Branch, Department of State, advised that he has had occasional contact with Mr. HARRIS since last interviewed and that his opinion of the applicant has not changed in any manner. He stated that he would have no hesitation in recommending Mr. HARRIS concerning his character, reputation, or loyalty.

Mr. WILLIAM DIGGS WRIGHT, Director, Office of Operating Facilities, Department of State, advised that he became acquainted with Mr. HARRIS in 1945 through their frequent official contact as division heads in the Department of State. Mr. WRIGHT advised that he does not know the applicant socially and knows nothing of his outside activities. He described Mr. HARRIS as being discreet, intelligent, honest, conscientious, considerate, and one whose integrity and loyalty are above question. He added that he has never heard anything which would reflect unfavorably upon the character or reputation of the applicant.

Mr. LAWRENCE S. MORRIS, Chief, Division of Libraries and Institutes, Department of State, advised that he has had occasional social contact with Mr. HARRIS since last interviewed in 1948 and that his opinion of the applicant has not changed relative to his character, reputation, and loyalty. Mr. MORRIS added that the applicant is respected by the other officials of the Department of State and is considered to be very capable and intelligent.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. LOUIS M. DRURY, Security Division, Department of State, advised Special Agent JOHN V. JACKOWSKI that a search of the records of the Security Division failed to disclose any information regarding the applicant.

The Investigative Files of the Civil Service Commission, G-2 (Department of Army), and the records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflected no additional pertinent information concerning the applicant.

Records of Prince Georges County Police Department at Hyattsville, Maryland, and the Washington, D. C. Police Department are negative concerning the applicant and his wife.

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Records of the Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N.W., reflected six "satisfactory" credit accounts as of April 29, 1947 and did not reflect any further pertinent information concerning him or his wife.

Records of the Montgomery County Credit Bureau, at Silver Spring, Maryland, reflected that on November 10, 1948, A. Eberlys Sons, Incorporated, held a "mechanic's lien" against the home of REED and MAE T. HARRIS, 4915 Berkley Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, in the amount of \$611 for labor and materials furnished. As of May 23, 1949, this same company claimed a lien for \$659.06 against REED and MAE T. HARRIS, of the same address, for work and materials. As of January 20, 1950, this same company claimed a lien in the amount of \$1400.06 against the property of REED and MAE T. HARRIS, of the same address, for work and materials furnished.

Miss KATHERINE KROLL, Employee, A. Eberlys Sons, Incorporated, 1108 K Street, N.W., advised the writer that Mr. HARRIS' payments in regard to the "mechanic's lien" have been very satisfactory and that he is a client in good standing.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The agency checks were conducted by the following Special  
Employees:

TICUA: THEODORE C. SCHNAEBELE

Credit Bureau: ALLEN J. TOLSON

Montgomery Co. Cr. Bur. and Pr. Georges Co. PD: ETHERIDGE F. KENT

Wash. D. C. PD: NICHOLAS R. MANFREDA

G-2: WALTER J. RICHARDSON

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **123-734**

REPORT MADE AT <b>ALBANY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/2/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/28/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT W. McDONOUGH</b> <span style="float: right;">mee</span>
TITLE <b>REED HARRIS, Aka, Albert Reed Harris</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u></b>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="margin-left: 150px;"> <p>Additional investigation Cambridge, N. Y. developed regarding applicant's outspoken and radical actions while he attended Columbia University. No concrete information developed indicating applicant's moral character poor. Additional information developed regarding applicant's sister's poor moral character.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> </div>			
REFERENCES:  <div style="margin-left: 150px;"> <p>Bufile 123-5600 Bulet to Washington Field dated August 16, 1950. Butel to Albany dated September 25, 1950.</p> </div>			
DETAILS:  <div style="margin-left: 150px;"> <p><u>AT CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK.</u></p> <p>GARDINOR B. CULLINNAN, Managing Editor and Editor of the Washington County Post, was re-interviewed and questioned specifically regarding the applicant's morals, and in particular regarding his associations with HELEN ALLEN and RITA FRAZIER. CULLINNAN advised that he knew both girls very well, stating that it was common knowledge in Cambridge, New York that RITA FRAZIER had had an illegitimate baby while she was in high school approximately twenty years ago. CULLINNAN stated further that to the best of his knowledge there was a rumor in and around Cambridge, New York that the applicant may have been the father of this child. CULLINNAN further stated that he can recall none of the details of the incident, but he does remember that there was no concrete evidence that the applicant</p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>RW Wall, Jr.</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  <i>Joe</i>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>③ - Bureau (AMSD) 1 - Albany</p> <p><i>Do not Transmitt</i></p> </div>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>123-5600-3</p> <p>OCT 4 1950</p> <p>14</p> </div>	

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was the father of the child and as a matter of fact, he recalled also that there was another boy whose name he could not recall who had been accused of having been the father of this child. CULLINNAN stated that he did not mention these facts before because the story was to his knowledge based entirely on rumor and gossip and that the details were very vague in his mind.

CULLINNAN advised that he knew HELEN ALLEN very well, stating that HELEN ALLEN was a girl of excellent moral character to the best of his knowledge, and that her parents were very strict and that to the best of his knowledge, she never had a reputation of being fast or promiscuous. CULLINNAN advised that he used to date HELEN ALLEN years ago and from his associations with her, he found her to be of excellent moral character. CULLINNAN also stated that he had never of anything pertaining to any relations between the applicant and HELEN ALLEN.

JOHN S. HENRY, owner and operator of the John S. Henry General Store and former Sheriff, Washington County, New York, advised that he has known the applicant and the applicant's family for at least thirty years. Mr. HENRY stated that his son, Lt. Col. FRANK S. HENRY, who is now with the United States Army in Germany, attended high school with and was a classmate of the applicant's. Mr. HENRY advised that he and his son were extremely close and that he was sure that his son would have told him of any immoral actions on the part of the applicant. Mr. HENRY stated that he knew RITA FRAZIER very well and he also recalled that she had had an illegitimate child. He stated that he had never heard any inference that the applicant was in any way involved. Mr. HENRY stated that to the best of his knowledge as to who the father of RITA FRAZIER'S illegitimate child was, he had no knowledge.

Mr. HENRY stated that he also knew HELEN ALLEN very well, stating that she was a fine young girl as far as he knew and that he had never heard anything derogatory concerning her moral character. Mr. HENRY also stated that he never heard of any associations between HELEN ALLEN and the applicant.

Mr. HENRY was asked whether or not there was anyone else in Cambridge, New York who might be familiar with the applicant's activities in regard to



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HELEN ALLEN and RITA FRAZIER back in the applicant's high school days. Mr. HENRY stated that the majority of the applicant's high school classmates have since left town and that the only persons he could think of that might have information regarding the applicant's activities were a Mrs. EVA CARPENTER, Kindergarten teacher in the school system; Mr. CLARENCE COULTER, Teller at the Cambridge Bank; and Mr. EDWARD J. KENT, Postmaster at the Cambridge Post Office.

Mr. HENRY advised that he recalled that the applicant had gotten into difficulty while he was a student at Columbia University. He stated that the applicant to the best of his recollection, had written an outspoken article regarding the subsidizing of football players in a Columbia University publication. He recalled that HARRIS was severely criticized and believed that he had subsequently been expelled from Columbia University because of this attitude. HENRY advised that the applicant subsequently wrote a book called "King Football". HENRY stated that he believed the applicant wrote this book in the latter 1920's. He stated that the applicant had given a copy of this book to his son, FRANCIS S. HENRY, and that he himself had read the book. Mr. HENRY stated that in his opinion this book written by the applicant, was somewhat to the left and was more or less radical. Mr. HENRY stated by radical he meant that the book expressed the applicant's opinion as being against the organized system of society, that the applicant was opposed to the administration of Columbia University and the way they ran the University, and that the book criticized society in general. Mr. HENRY stated that after having read this book years ago, he got the impression that the applicant was "quite radical". Mr. HENRY also stated that he had heard through town gossip, the exact sources unknown, that the applicant had been affiliated with an outspoken and radical group while he attended Columbia University.

Mr. HENRY advised further that the applicant has spent very little time in Cambridge, New York since he went away to college and that he knows very little of the applicant's activities or political viewpoints. He stated also that the applicant's mother enjoys a good reputation in town, but that the applicant's sister, Mrs. BENTLEY, had the reputation of running around while she was still married to her first husband, RUSE POWELL. Mr. HENRY stated also that he had never heard anything derogatory concerning the applicant's sister's morals prior to her promiscuous activities after she

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had been married to RUSE POWELL and had had seven children.

Mr. HENRY was questioned as to what he thought of CHARLES JOHN STEVENSON. Mr. HENRY stated that Mr. STEVENSON came to Cambridge, New York approximately fifteen to eighteen years ago and that he does not believe that STEVENSON was residing in Cambridge, New York when the applicant attended high school and Columbia University. HENRY stated that when STEVENSON came to Cambridge, New York he had absolutely nothing, that he recalled that STEVENSON had promoted some scheme at the local fair, that he bluffed his way along, eventually got into the printing business and did fairly well financially. He stated that in his opinion STEVENSON is "a big blow". He advised that STEVENSON aspires to everything, that STEVENSON would like to be a State Assemblyman and that as a matter of fact, he ran for Assemblyman in Washington County and received eight votes in the election. He stated further that STEVENSON also has aspired to running for State Congressman, but that STEVENSON has received absolutely no cooperation from any of the political parties in Washington County.

Mrs. EVA CARPENTER, Kindergarten teacher, Cambridge School system, advised that she has known the applicant and his family quite well for a great many years. Mrs. CARPENTER stated that there are presently no other teachers in the Cambridge school system who were teachers during the time the applicant attended high school. Mrs. CARPENTER stated that she knew RITA FRAZIER quite well and knew that RITA FRAZIER had had an illegitimate child. Mrs. CARPENTER stated that she also recalled that there had been a rumor in Cambridge, New York that the applicant had been the father of this illegitimate child. She stated that to the best of her knowledge, there was no concrete evidence to this fact and that it was merely local gossip. Mrs. CARPENTER also stated that she knew HELEN ALLEN very well, that HELEN ALLEN was, in her opinion, a fine young girl who was well brought up in an excellent family. She stated that she never heard of any unusual associations between HELEN ALLEN and the applicant.

Mr. CLARENCE COULTER, Bookkeeper and Teller, Cambridge National Bank, advised that he knew the applicant very well and that he attended high school at the same time as the applicant attended. He stated, however, that he, CLARENCE COULTER, was several years ahead of the applicant in school. Mr. COULTER stated that he recalled that the applicant had been quite active

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in a Columbia University publication that he had heard was quite socialistic, in nature. He stated that he had heard that the applicant had difficulties at Columbia University because of some article he had written in this publication. He stated that the applicant's difficulties at Columbia University caused quite a disturbance in Cambridge, New York and that he recalled that there had been a lot of adverse comment about the applicant because of the stand he took in his article. Mr. COULTER stated that he did not recall what was in this article, but that he did recall that the article was quite radical in its viewpoint. Mr. COULTER stated that by radical he meant that the applicant was un-American in his viewpoint and that the article expressed the viewpoint of someone who was contrary to the American system of Government. Mr. COULTER stated that he recalled that the applicant in this article had leaned definitely toward what the general conception of Communism is. He stated that by this he meant the applicant appeared to have been revolutionary in his tendencies while he was attending college. Mr. COULTER again stated that he did not recall the contents or substance of this article, but that he did remember that the people of Cambridge, New York, the good Americans, thought very badly of the applicant. He stated that all of the people of Cambridge, New York were disappointed in the stand that the applicant had taken.

Mr. COULTER advised that he knew RITA FRAZIER quite well. He stated that in his opinion RITA FRAZIER had been "very fast". COULTER stated that he did not know of any association between RITA FRAZIER and the applicant, but he further advised that if the applicant had been associated with her, he could have been the father of her illegitimate child. He stated that he was not in school at the time this incident took place, but he faintly recalled that there had been a rumor about the applicant having been the father of the child. He stated that this was just a rumor as far as he could recall and he believed that the whole thing was based on gossip. Mr. COULTER stated that he knew HELEN ALLEN very well, also stating that he knew of absolutely no association between the applicant and HELEN ALLEN, that he knew nothing derogatory concerning her moral character and that he knew nothing that would be a discredit to her. Mr. COULTER stated that he had almost completely forgotten about the applicant inasmuch as the applicant to his knowledge, has not been in Cambridge, New York for a great many years.

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Mr. COULTER advised that he knew the applicant's sister very well, stating that she had married a man named RUSE POWELL, a local boy who had a good reputation. He advised that the applicant's sister and RUSE POWELL and two or three children and that later while RUSE POWELL was away from Cambridge, New York in the Armed Services, that the applicant's sister, BARBARA POWELL, began "running around with ERVIL BENTLEY, JR. He stated that it was more or less common knowledge in Cambridge, New York that the applicant's sister and BENTLEY were keeping steady company. He advised that the applicant's sister subsequently divorced RUSE POWELL and that she married ERVIL BENTLEY, JR. He stated that the applicant's sister and ERVIL BENTLEY had a child, but he was always sure that this child had not been conceived in wedlock.

EDWARD J. KENT, Postmaster, Cambridge, New York Post Office, advised that he attended high school with the applicant. He stated that in his opinion the applicant was an extremely intelligent young man and that while the applicant was attending Columbia University he wrote an article for a college publication criticizing the University's activities in subsidizing football players. KENT stated that after the applicant had written this article that a group of other outspoken students at Columbia University associated themselves with the applicant. KENT stated that the story was at that time being spread around Cambridge, New York that this group was more or less a radical group, a group of fellows who were not satisfied with the way the University was run. KENT stated that from his observations the entire incident involved a situation at Columbia University and he did not believe that the applicant or the group with which he was involved expressed any opinions as to the national or universal political situation. He stated that he believed this group was extremely outspoken about the University's administration, but he could recall no inference to any subversive tendency whatsoever. KENT stated that this happened a great many years ago and that his memory was very hazy about the details.

Mr. KENT stated that he knew RITA FRAZIER very well, advising that he used to date RITA FRAZIER'S sister, ELIZABETH, quite a bit during his high school days. He stated that the applicant was a close friend of his and that he and the applicant on numerous occasions double-dated with ELIZABETH and RITA FRAZIER. KENT stated that he knew that RITA FRAZIER had had an illegitimate

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child, but that he never believed that the applicant was in any way involved. He stated that he did not think that the applicant was the type of boy who would engage in such activities at the time and further that he knew that RITA FRAZIER at the time was going around with another boy from Hoosick Falls, New York. KENT stated that he did not recall the name of this boy. He stated also that it was his belief that the boy from Hoosick Falls was the father of RITA FRAZIER'S illegitimate child. He stated that he recalled that this boy from Hoosick Falls was more or less of a lady's man and that he was the type of fellow who drank a lot and influenced his dates to drink a lot. KENT stated that he had been in contact with the applicant after RITA FRAZIER had her illegitimate child and that the applicant never gave him any reason to believe that he, the applicant, was the father of the child.

Mr. KENT stated that he also knew HELEN ALLEN very well, advising that HELEN ALLEN was at least three or four years younger than the applicant, that her reputation in town was very good, and that she was not "fast". KENT stated that he knew of nothing unusual between the applicant and HELEN ALLEN.

Mr. KENT advised that he also knew the applicant's sister quite well, stating that before the applicant's sister married RUSE POWELL, she was a nice girl in his opinion. He stated, however, that after her marriage and after she had had several children and when her husband left Cambridge, New York for the Armed Services, she began running around with other men. He stated that the applicant's sister, BARBARA had had a child by ERVIL BENTLEY, and he believes that this child was conceived before the applicant's sister was divorced from RUSE POWELL and before she married ERVIL BENTLEY. KENT further stated that he has heard nothing unusual about the applicant's sister's activities in the recent past and further that as far as he knew, she was still married to BENTLEY.

[redacted] was re-interviewed and was questioned specifically about his sources of information regarding RITA FRAZIER and HELEN ALLEN.

[redacted] at this time advised the writer that he has been in Cambridge, New York for sixteen years and that RITA FRAZIER had had her illegitimate child about two or three years prior to his arrival, in Cambridge. Mr.

[redacted] stated that at the time he came to Cambridge, New York the incident regarding RITA FRAZIER was common gossip in Cambridge. He stated that the person who furnished him the information about the applicant being the

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father of RITA FRAZIER'S child was the former ELIZABETH JENKINS, [redacted] stated that ELIZABETH JENKINS had advised him that REED HARRIS was the father of RITA FRAZIER'S illegitimate child and that the applicant's mother, Mrs. HARRIS, had made a financial settlement to the parents of RITA FRAZIER. [redacted] further advised that the information he furnished the writer in the past regarding HELEN ALLEN, the applicant's sister, BARBARA, and the applicant was furnished to him by Mrs. EVELYN BURTON, the present Office Secretary at the Washington County Post.

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[redacted] also was questioned as to what he meant when he said the applicant possessed radical tendencies. [redacted] advised that he considered the applicant to have radical tendencies because of the incident the applicant had gotten into while he attended Columbia University, because the applicant's sister had told him that the applicant had registered as a Communist at a polling place in New York City years ago, that the applicant had written a book years ago called "King Football", in which he disagreed with the organized system of society as recognized in this country. [redacted] also stated that he has talked with the applicant on several occasions when the applicant has been in Cambridge on vacation and that from these discussions with the applicant he believed that the applicant is definitely socialistically minded. He stated that he recalled that the applicant had changed his political party affiliations once or twice, that he has discussed politics with the applicant and from the applicant's discussions he became of the opinion that the applicant was definitely socialistically inclined. He stated that he knew nothing of a positive nature along these lines, but that he "looked upon him, the applicant, as a Socialist".

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Mrs. EVELYN BURTON, Office Secretary, Washington County Post, was questioned by the writer for any information she may have regarding the immoral activities of HELEN ALLEN, the applicant's sister, and the applicant. Mrs. BURTON immediately questioned the writer as to whether or not the writer had been talking to [redacted]. Mrs. BURTON stated that she knew HELEN ALLEN very well and that she always thought that HELEN ALLEN was a very nice girl and that her moral reputation in the community as far as she knew was beyond reproach and that she came from a very nice family. She stated that she had never heard of any immoral activities on the part of HELEN ALLEN, the applicant's sister, and the applicant, except from [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] was the person who told her

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that there had been immoral relations between HELEN ALLEN, the applicant and the applicant's sister. She stated that she had never heard this from anyone else and that she did not believe the story as related to her by [redacted]

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[redacted] Mrs. BURTON also advised that she knew RITA FRAZIER and that she had known that RITA FRAZIER had had an illegitimate child. She also stated that [redacted]

[redacted] had told her that the applicant was the father of this illegitimate child and that she had never heard this fact from any other source. She stated that she is quite a bit younger than the applicant and thus was only a young girl when RITA FRAZIER had her illegitimate child. Mrs. BURTON also stated that she has never heard anything derogatory concerning the applicant except from [redacted]. She stated, however, that she never placed any weight on the gossip that [redacted] related to her because she did not put too much faith in anything [redacted] says.

Miss ELIZABETH M. JENKINS, Academy Street, advised that she has been a life-long resident of Cambridge, New York, that years ago she was a teacher in the Cambridge school system and that she knew the applicant's grand parents on his mother's side very well. She stated that she knew that the applicant had written a book called "King Football" and that there had been some gossip around Cambridge, New York that the applicant was too outspoken in his criticism of the administration of Columbia University. She stated, however, that she knows of no disloyal or radical tendencies on the part of the applicant. Miss JENKINS advised that she knew RITA FRAZIER. She also stated that she knew RITA FRAZIER had had an illegitimate child, but she advised that she did not know who the father of this child was. She advised that she knew that the applicant formerly had gone around with RITA FRAZIER, but that she did not know of or hear of anything that would indicate that the applicant had been the father of RITA FRAZIER'S illegitimate child. Miss JENKINS further stated that she knew HELEN ALLEN and that in her opinion, HELEN ALLEN was a very fine girl, that she enjoyed a good moral reputation in Cambridge, and that she had never heard of any unusual associations between HELEN ALLEN and the applicant.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant's employment, Washington County Post, Cambridge, New York, substantially verified. Applicant's mother enjoys good reputation, Cambridge, New York. A neighbor of the applicant's family advised that applicant and applicant's sister ~~had~~ poor ~~reputation~~ <sup>reputation</sup>. No arrest or credit record located on applicant or applicant's family.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 123-5600.  
Bureau letter to Washington Field dated August 16, 1950.

**DETAILS:**

AT CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK

Chief of Police CHARLES CANTWELL advised that he knew the applicant and the applicant's mother and sister very well. Chief CANTWELL stated that the applicant's mother enjoys a good reputation in the community, that she is well respected, and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning her. CANTWELL further advised that he knew nothing derogatory concerning the applicant's character, loyalty or associates.

Chief CANTWELL stated also that the applicant's sister, Mrs. BARBARA HARRIS BENTLEY, is now residing with her mother, Mrs. LOIS HARRIS, 115 West Main Street. BARBARA BENTLEY was formerly married to a Mr. POWELL of Cambridge, New York. CANTWELL stated that the applicant's sister divorced POWELL and while in Reno after obtaining this divorce, she married

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another local man named BENTLEY. CANTWELL stated that the applicant's sister is presently divorcing BENTLEY and that BENTLEY is presently an inmate at the Veterans Hospital, White River Junction, Vermont. CANTWELL advised that other than the applicant's sister's hasty marriages, he knows nothing derogatory concerning her reputation.

Mr. GARDINOR B. CULLINAN, Managing Editor and Editor of the Washington County Post, advised that he attended high school with the applicant and stated that he recalled that the applicant, during his high school days, had been employed as a part-time reporter for the Washington County Post. Mr. CULLINAN stated that he was not affiliated with the Washington County Post at the time but that he definitely recalled that the applicant did work as a reporter for the paper. Mr. CULLINAN further stated that approximately four years ago the applicant had written to him from Washington, D. C. and requested information regarding a great quantity of pamphlets and cards that he, the applicant, wanted printed. CULLINAN stated that in his letter the applicant stated that these pamphlets and cards were to be distributed to members of a group to which he was a member. CULLINAN advised that the applicant in his letter did not identify this group.

CULLINAN further stated that the applicant in his letter had stated that his request for this printing contract be kept confidential. CULLINAN stated that at the time he was over-loaded with business and that because of this he declined to accept the applicant's order. CULLINAN stated that since that time he has thought about the applicant's request and that he thought the request was rather unusual inasmuch as the applicant apparently had access to printing facilities in Washington, D. C. and because the applicant had asked that the printing request be kept confidential.

CULLINAN again advised that he knew that the applicant had gotten into difficulty because of an article he had written while he was a student at Columbia University. He stated, however, that he knew nothing specifically derogatory concerning the applicant's character, loyalty or associates.

CULLINAN stated also that the applicant's mother, Mrs. LOIS HARRIS, enjoys a good reputation in Cambridge, New York. He advised, however, that the applicant's sister, Mrs. BARBARA H. BENTLEY, in his opinion, did enjoy a poor reputation in Cambridge, New York. He stated that the applicant's

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sister, while separated from her first husband, Mr. POWELL, Cambridge, New York, had a child by her present husband, Mr. BENTLEY, also of Cambridge, New York. CULLINNAN stated that the applicant's sister has also had the reputation in Cambridge as being rather promiscuous and being very fond of men. He stated that for the past six or eight months the applicant's sister has more or less reformed and that she apparently is taking good care of her children, that she goes to church regularly, and that she is active in civic groups.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] of the applicant's mother and family. He stated that he [redacted] and has, since 1945, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the applicant wrote to Mr. CULLINNAN [redacted] in the Spring of 1946 and endeavored to place a printing order with his concern. [redacted] stated that he remembered the applicant in this letter had requested a great quantity of pamphlets and cards, which, according to the applicant, were to be mailed out at certain intervals to a large group of people which he was interested in. [redacted] stated that the applicant, in this letter, had requested that the matter be kept confidential.

[redacted] stated that the entire request may be legitimate but that the whole transaction was mystifying and suspicious to him. [redacted] stated that in view of this mystery surrounding this request and the fact that at the time they were over-loaded with work, they declined the applicant's printing request.

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[redacted] further related that the applicant's mother, the former LOIS JONES, was from an old and well-established family in Cambridge, New York. He stated that she had two children, the applicant and a sister, and that approximately twenty-five or thirty years ago the applicant's father abandoned his wife and children and ran off with another woman.

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[redacted] stated that the applicant's wife, the former MARTHA TELLER, is, in his opinion, an upright loyal American person. He stated that the applicant's wife comes from an old reliable family in Cambridge, New York and that he has never heard anything derogatory concerning her.

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Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, [redacted] New York, related that, in his opinion, the applicant's sister, Mrs. BARBARA W. LENTLEY, is "absolutely no good". T-1 explained this saying that the applicant's sister is of poor moral character because of her several marriages and previous affairs with men in Cambridge, New York. T-1 stated further that it was his opinion that the applicant's sister is extremely promiscuous. *He could not be more specific in this regard.*

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Informant T-1 stated further that approximately twelve years ago he was talking with the applicant's sister BARBARA and she was telling him about her recent visit to the applicant in New York City. He stated that the applicant's sister, at that time, told him that she had accompanied the applicant to a polling place in New York City and that the applicant at that time had declared himself to be a Communist. T-1 stated that to the best of his recollection the applicant's sister did not elaborate this point and he recalled nothing further concerning the conversation.

Informant T-1 stated further that approximately four or five weeks ago he was talking with the applicant's mother and she advised him that the applicant had applied for a job with a government agency. T-1 stated that after she had told him this he attempted to draw her out regarding the applicant's loyalty. T-1 stated that at that time he told the applicant's mother that he was worried about the applicant's radical tendencies and that the applicant in such a position with a government agency might be able exert influence along radical lines. T-1 stated that the applicant's mother told him that she knew that he, T-1, was worried concerning the applicant but that he should no longer be concerned about the applicant's radical tendencies because she said all the applicant's radical tendencies were gone and that he has completely detached himself from that radical crowd. Informant T-1 stated that the applicant's mother did not elaborate further on this point and furnished no specific information.

Informant T-1 also stated that he did not place very much weight on the applicant's mother's statements in view of the fact that the applicant's mother thinks very highly of her children and thinks that anything they do is right.

T-1 stated that he has "a very deep feeling that MIED is a Communist". He stated that he has no specific information regarding this statement but that

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T-1 advised that he considered the applicant to have "radical tendencies" because of the incident the applicant had gotten into while he attended Columbia University, because the applicant's sister had told him that Harris had registered as a Communist at a polling place in New York City years ago, and because the applicant had written a book years ago called "King Football," in which he disagreed with the organized system of society as recognized in this country. T-1 also stated that he has talked to the applicant on several occasions when the applicant has been in Cambridge on vacation and that from these discussions he believed that the applicant is definitely "socialistically minded." J. E. Newberry, Jr.



T-1 recalled that the applicant had changed his political party affiliations once or twice and that this fact along with the political discussions between T-1 and the applicant had caused T-1 to "look upon him, the applicant as a Socialist."

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incidents that have happened, as related above, and things that he has heard in the past have led him to believe this. He stated further that he has always had a question in his mind concerning the applicant's source of income, advising that the applicant has always lived in the better neighborhoods and that he has maintained his family very well, and that he went through the depression in "fine shape financially".

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T-1 further advised that he "would not trust REED with any job pertaining to loyalty and especially a job with a government agency."

There was no arrest record on the applicant or any members of his family at the Cambridge, New York Police Department.

AT GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK

Miss BETTY USHER, the Adirondack Credit Service, advised that there were no records in their files on the applicant or members of his family.

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GARDINOR B. CULLINNAN advised that he is the Managing Editor of the Washington County Post and also the Manager of the printing company contained in the same building. He stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] at all. CULLINNAN stated that [redacted] but that he, CULLINNAN, [redacted] and that [redacted] takes no active part whatsoever in the business. CULLINNAN also advised that [redacted]

In regard to the applicant's sister, Mrs. BARBARA H. BENTLEY, [redacted] advised that he is not sure whether or not the applicant's sister is married to the man who is supposed to be her present husband. He stated that the applicant's sister's youngest child, who at first she claimed to have been the son of her first husband POWELL, is, in his opinion, the son of BENTLEY. He stated that POWELL was not living with the applicant's sister for two years prior to the birth of this child, and that the child, at the present time, is the "spitting image of BENTLEY".

[redacted] also stated that the applicant's sister has always been morally loose and that from his information she has had a great many affairs with numerous men in Cambridge, New York.

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[redacted] stated that he has heard through sources in and around Cambridge, New York, which he could no longer recall, that a girl named HELEN ALLEN, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ALEXANDER ALLEN, had disclosed the fact that she and the applicant's sister BARBARA had had intercourse with the applicant in the applicant's home during her high school days. [redacted] stated that HELEN ALLEN is presently Mrs. GEROGE SHAMPAUX and is residing in Holyoke, Massachusetts. [redacted] stated that he had no definite facts regarding this information and that it was obtained by him second or third hand.

[redacted] also advised that when the applicant was approximately twenty years of age he had caused a girl named RITA FRAZIER, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK FRAZIER, to become pregnant. [redacted] stated that RITA FRAZIER had

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the baby and the child has since disappeared. He stated also that this affair cost the applicant's mother several hundred dollars. He advised that RITA FRAZIER is presently Mrs. PETER PETERSON and that she resides at R.D. #1, Perryville, Missouri.

[ ] further stated that on one occasion when he was at the HARRIS home in Cambridge, New York, he saw an unusual display of affection between the applicant and the applicant's sister BARBARA, indicative to him of possible immorality.

[ ] appeared to be a garrulous and gossiping individual who assumed an attitude of undue importance.

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sister, while separated from her first husband, Mr. POWELL, Cambridge, New York, had a child by her present husband, Mr. BENTLEY, also of Cambridge, New York. CULLINAN stated that the applicant's sister has also had the reputation in Cambridge as being rather promiscuous and being very fond of men. He stated that for the past six or eight months the applicant's sister has more or less reformed and that she apparently is taking good care of her children, that she goes to church regularly, and that she is active in civic groups.

Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] in Cambridge, New York, related that, in his opinion, the applicant's sister, Mrs. BARBARA H. BENTLEY, is "absolutely no good". T-1 explained this saying that the applicant's sister is of poor moral character because of her several marriages and previous affairs with men in Cambridge, New York. T-1 stated further that it was his opinion that the applicant's sister is extremely promiscuous. He could not be more specific in this regard.

T-1 related that the applicant's mother, the former LOIS JONES, was from an old and well-established family in Cambridge, New York. He stated that she had two children, the applicant and a sister, and that approximately twenty-five or thirty years ago the applicant's father abandoned his wife and children and ran off with another woman.

T-1 stated that the applicant's wife, the former MARTHA TELLIER, is, in his opinion, an upright loyal American person. He stated that the applicant's wife comes from an old reliable family in Cambridge, New York, and that he has never heard anything derogatory concerning her.

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Informant T-1 stated further that approximately twelve years ago he was talking with the applicant's sister BARBARA and she was telling him about her recent visit to the applicant in New York City. He stated that the applicant's sister, at that time, told him that she had accompanied the applicant to a polling place in New York City and that the applicant at that time had declared himself to be a Communist. T-1 stated that to the best of his recollection the applicant's sister did not elaborate this point and he recalled nothing further concerning the conversation.

Informant T-1 stated further that approximately four or five weeks ago he was talking with the applicant's mother and she advised him that the applicant had applied for a job with a government agency. T-1 stated that after she had told him this he attempted to draw her out regarding the applicant's loyalty. T-1 stated that at that time he told the applicant's mother that he was worried about the applicant's radical tendencies and that the applicant in such a position with a government agency might be able exert influence along radical lines. T-1 stated that the applicant's mother told him that she knew that he, T-1, was worried concerning the applicant but that he should no longer be concerned about the applicant's radical tendencies because she said all the applicant's radical tendencies were gone and that he has completely detached himself from that radical crowd. Informant T-1 stated that the applicant's mother did not elaborate further on this point and furnished no specific information.

Informant T-1 also stated that he did not place very much weight on the applicant's mother's statements in view of the fact that the applicant's mother thinks very highly of her children and thinks that anything they do is right.

T-1 stated that he has "a very deep feeling that REED is a Communist". He stated that he has no specific information regarding this statement but that

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incidents that have happened, as related above, and things that he has heard in the past have led him to believe this. He stated further that he has always had a question in his mind concerning the applicant's source of income, advising that the applicant has always lived in the better neighborhoods and that he has maintained his family very well, and that he went through the depression in "fine shape financially".

T-1 advised that he considered the applicant to have "radical tendencies" because of the incident the applicant had gotten into while he attended Columbia University, because the applicant's sister had told him that HARRIS had registered as a Communist at a polling place in New York City years ago, and because the applicant had written a book years ago called "King Football," in which he disagreed with the organized system of society as recognized in this country. T-1 also stated that he has talked to the applicant on several occasions when the applicant has been in Cambridge on vacation and that from these discussions he believed that the applicant is definitely "socialistically minded."

T-1 recalled that the applicant had changed his political party affiliations once or twice and that this fact along with the political discussions between T-1 and the applicant had caused T-1 to "look upon him, the applicant, as a Socialist".

T-1 further advised that he "would not trust REED with any job pertaining to loyalty and especially a job with a government agency.

There was no arrest record on the applicant or any members of his family at the Cambridge, New York Police Department.

AT GLEN FALLS, NEW YORK

Miss BETTY USHER, the Adirondack Credit Service, advised that there were no records in their files on the applicant or members of his family.

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TITLE <b>REED HARRIS, aka, Albert Reed Harris</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reference EDWARD N. MAYER, JR., states he has been closely associated with applicant for past two years and regards him as a loyal American of excellent character, habits and associates. No credit or criminal record for applicant, NYC. No criminal record for TUDOR HARRIS, applicant's father, at Scarsdale, NY, PD. Records, Westchester County Clerk's Office, reflect judgment of \$136.71 against TUDOR HARRIS in favor of LOIS HARRIS relative to divorce won by LOIS 7/27/22 on grounds of adultery.

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AGENCY 1cc - OSD  
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REP'T FORW. 6-9-54  
BY WJ P. Gndr

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 123-5600.  
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 8/16/50.  
Report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON, 10/27/48, New York, entitled: "REED HARRIS, aka; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

**DETAILS:**

Reference MAYER was contacted by the writer. The remainder of the investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS P. LYNCH.

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Reference

EDWARD N. MAYER, JR., President, James Gray, Incorporated, 216 East 45th Street, New York City, advised that he is a consultant to the State Department and as such has come in very close contact with the applicant for the past two years. He said that he regards the applicant as a very close friend and a loyal American of excellent character, habits and associates. He stated that as far as he knows the only organization to which the applicant belongs is the

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National Society of Seniors, which is interested in the employment and welfare of men over forty. He stated that the applicant is above reproach in all respects and that he recommends him without reservation.

Miscellaneous

The records of the Clerk's Office, Westchester County, County Court House, White Plains, New York, Volume 53 (Judgments), reflect that LOIS HARRIS, wife of TUDOR HARRIS, won a judgment of \$136.71 relative to their divorce won by LOIS on July 27, 1922 on the grounds of adultery. There was no indication as to whether or not the judgment was satisfied.

The Westchester County telephone directory contains no listing for TUDOR HARRIS.

Credit

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York contain no record of the applicant.

The records of the Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, New York, reflect a judgment against TUDOR HARRIS for \$136.71 on August 3, 1932 in favor of LOIS HARRIS. The record contained no additional information.

Criminal

SA AUGUST J. MICEK checked the records of the New York City Police Department and no record of the applicant was located.

The files of the Scarsdale, New York Police Department contain no record of the applicant's father, TUDOR HARRIS.

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SE RALPH G. MURDY checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

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April 23, 1951

Director, FBI

REED HARRIS, aka  
ALBERT REED HARRIS  
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Reurfiles 123-3753 and 121-3462.

The Bureau has received a letter from Mr. Leonard Fondiller, 60 John Street, New York, New York, enclosing what purported to be an article regarding Reed Harris having been expelled from Columbia University in 1932. This article appeared in the "Columbia College Daily Spectator" dated April 5, 1951.

For your information there is transmitted a copy of Mr. Fondiller's letter as well as a photostatic copy of the article and a copy of the Bureau's reply to Mr. Fondiller.

A check of the Bureau files reflects that the matter mentioned in the article was covered during the loyalty investigation and additional information developed during the Voice of America investigation. It does not appear that there is any additional investigation necessary in this regard, however, you should have a mature, experienced and well qualified Agent interview Mr. Fondiller and secure any information which he cares to furnish concerning Mr. Harris since he has indicated in his letter that Mr. Harris was "the young and irresponsible radical described in the enclosed clipping." The results of this interview should be furnished to the Bureau under the Voice of America classification and no additional investigation conducted unless specifically requested but complete details as to why he considers Harris irresponsible and a radical should be obtained.

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April 13, 1951

Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief, Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

REED HARRIS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
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Reference is made to my letter of October 9, 1950,  
with enclosures.

There is transmitted for your information a photostatic  
copy of an article concerning Reed Harris which was furnished  
this Bureau by an individual in New York City, New York.

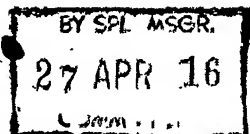
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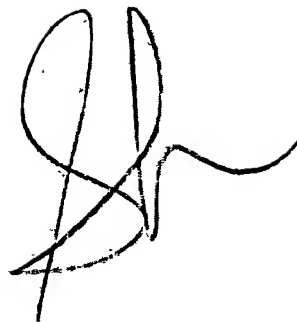
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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

April 13, 1951



Mr. Leonard Fondiller  
60 John Street  
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Fondiller:

Your letter of April 9, 1951, with enclosure regarding Reed Harris has been received and I appreciate your communicating with me in this matter.

I am taking the liberty of furnishing a copy of the enclosure to the employing agency.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

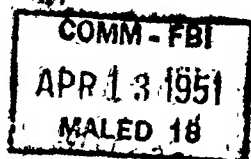
NOTE: The enclosure purports to be an article regarding Reed Harris having been expelled from Columbia University in 1932. This article appeared in the "Columbia College Daily Spectator" dated April 5, 1951.

This Bureau conducted a loyalty investigation on Reed Harris, a State Department employee in late 1948. The matter mentioned in the above article was covered during this investigation. Civil Service Commission advised by letter dated June 13, 1949 that Harris was "eligible on loyalty." (121-10315.) This investigation was brought up-to-date under the Voice of America classification in 1950. Reports were furnished to the State Department in October 9, 1950. (123-5600)

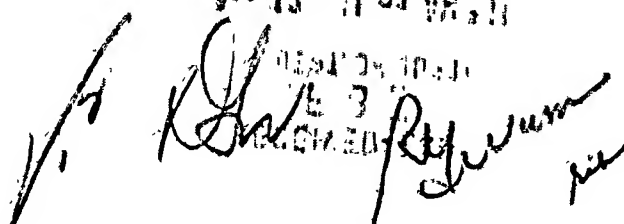
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~~Leonard Fondiller~~  
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NEW YORK 7, N.Y.  
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W.R. checked by  
H. H. CEN, President  
4/11/51

April 9, 1951

F.B.I.

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen -

The young and irresponsible radical described in the enclosed clipping of the 75th Anniversary edition of the Columbia Official newspaper is one and the same with the man who is head of the Department of State's Documents Division. This is an extremely strategic position — with access to and top responsibility for diplomatic material.

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## Reed Harris Expelled in '32 For His 'Explosive' Editorials

By Bernd Brecher '54

Friday, April 1, 1932, was a very grim "April Fool" for Columbia. On that day, Reed Harris, editor-in-chief of Spectator, was informed by Dean Herbert E. Hawkes that his registration had been cancelled for constant "discourtesies, innuendoes and misrepresentations" in the paper.

Throughout the academic year the editorials had dealt with a series of explosive situations, including the "warlike" features of the Reserve Officers Training Corps and the "dangerous" conditions inherent in College football. The leading campaign was against "deplorable" conditions in the John Jay Dining Halls. On March 31, Spectator had reprinted a letter from an ad hoc Committee of Dining Hall Waiters supporting the campaign. The students' names had been withheld and in

later investigations they refused to corroborate the letter lest they lose their jobs.

Mr. Harris insisted that his dismissal was a gag on a free press and nation-wide publicity was given the incident.

President Nicholas M. Butler denied any personal connection with the dismissal but did go on record as considering the dining hall investigation as "absurd." He consistently refused to reinstate Mr. Harris and mass meetings, including one "strike" involving 2,000 students, were called in protest.

After a threatened law suit, Mr. Harris was reinstated on April 20 but he promptly resigned. Spectator noted quietly that he had given his newspaper "a tradition of forceful, purposeful writing."

COLUMBIA COLLEGE DAILY SPECTATOR  
April 5, 1951

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May 5, 1951

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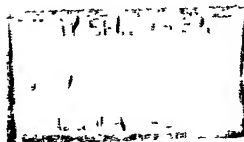
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Reference is made to my letter dated April 13,  
1951 with enclosure.

There is transmitted herewith one report  
reflecting additional investigation conducted by this  
Bureau concerning the above-named individual.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LEONARD FONDILLER advised he does not know applicant personally but that the applicant's activities at Columbia University were still talked of when he (FONDILLER) entered Columbia in 1935. He advised that he could furnish no exact information regarding these activities and referred to HARRIS as an irresponsible radical because he was expelled from Columbia and because his stand against the administration of Columbia, showed lack of respect for authority.

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BY W.H.P. - [signature]

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AGENCY ph - Dept. of Labor  
REQ. REC'D 10-23-51  
REP'T FORW. 11-10-51  
BY B.L.G. - [signature]

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 123-5600  
Bureau letter to New York, 4/23/51

**DETAILS:**

Mr. LEONARD FONDILLER, Insurance Examiner, New York State Insurance Department, 61 Broadway, New York City, who resides at 915 West End Avenue, New York City, advised that he does not know HARRIS but that the latter's activities at Columbia University in connection with the Columbia College Daily Spectator were still being discussed when he (FONDILLER) entered

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Columbia in 1935. He said that HARRIS was the center of a controversy due to some articles published in the "Spectator" while HARRIS was editor, and he believed that HARRIS was at first expelled, but then reinstated with the understanding he would resign. Mr. FONDILLER stated that he does not know the details of the incident, but that they could be obtained through Dean NICHOLAS MCKNIGHT and the records at Columbia.

Mr. FONDILLER stated that he referred to HARRIS as an irresponsible radical because he was expelled from Columbia, and because his stubborn stand against the administration of Columbia showed a definite lack of respect for authority.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

February 3, 1953

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NEW YORK CITY

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A confidential source of unknown reliability advised on December 30, 1952 that he is highly suspicious of Reid Harris, Deputy Administrator, IIA, U. S. State Department, because of the following reasons:

*Reid Harris*

He stated Harris was appointed to his present position by Mr. Wilson Compton, Administrator of IIA, and that Mr. Compton turned over completely to Harris numerous appointments of important policy-making and management positions. Among the appointments made by Harris, according to the source were: Arthur Kimball, International Management Administrator; Bradley Connors, International Policy Office; El Rush, who occupies an important position with regard to employment, and Mr. Robert Byrne, who has a position regarding fiscal matters in the IIA.

The informant advised that the Voice of America is one of the Divisions of the State Department under the International Information Administration, and Reid Harris is responsible for departmental control of the Voice of America.

Among the suspicious circumstances known to source were the activities of Robert Byrne, mentioned above, who, acting under the apparent instructions of Reid Harris, has for no apparent reason during recent months, held up finances assigned to important overseas stations of Voice of America. Specifically, source mentioned the establishment of Voice of America at Manila, where it appeared to source that the pay roll and operating expenses of Voice of America were held up on one occasion for a considerable length of time. The informant advised [redacted] revealed no reason for this action. He advised, however, that the immediate effect of holding up of the pay roll was that Communists in the Philippines were able to use this as propaganda which definitely had an effect upon Voice of America employees and created discontent, especially among employees who were somewhat on the fence as to their loyalty to the United States. He advised [redacted]

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[redacted] but that the damage had been done. He related that a similar incident occurred also at the Voice of America establishment in Turkey.

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Informant advised his suspicions regarding Reid Harris were recently emphasized by an order which [redacted] from Reid Harris, who came to New York City from Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] This order was that all Voice of America broadcasts to Palestine be stopped immediately and that all employees specifically assigned to the Israeli broadcast, which included numerous persons who had been employed because of their particular qualifications and Jewish backgrounds, should be immediately discharged. Informant [redacted] Mr. Harris that he would not obey the order until he had received instructions from Mr. Morton, head of the Voice of America. He advised the [redacted]

[redacted] Harris indicated to him that it was a highly unusual step [redacted] Morton in Germany and advised him of the order. Informant stated he was instructed by Mr. Morton to ignore the order and to take no further steps to stop the Israeli broadcast until he, Morton, returned to the United States.

The source advised it appeared to him that Harris' order was directly contrary to accomplishing the friendship and cooperation of the people of Israel and played directly into the hands of the Russian Government, which at this time appeared to have given up hope of obtaining friendship with Palestine and are now directing their efforts to obtaining cooperation of the Arabs. He stated should Voice of America cease its interest in Palestine, that the people of that country would lose faith in the United States and that the whole thing would appear to him to be an effort to play into the hands of the Russians.

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March 17, 1953

Mr. Nichols:

Re: Reed Harris  
Information Concerning

Don Surine telephoned and then came by to see me about Reed Harris. I believe Surine is trying to do a little con job on me for whatever reason and I would think he would know better. He said he wanted to get a little information to you about Reed Harris; and, if possible, get a little information from you about Morton Kent, who may be a vital link in the chain he thinks the Committee will be able to weave around Reed Harris.

Morton Kent is an individual who committed suicide on an island in the Potomac above Chain Bridge about four or five years ago. He was a Hungarian Jew, a mystery man who just hung around with Reed Harris at the WPA Writers' Project in Washington. I am checking files on Morton Kent at the present time.

To put what Surine had to say in an orderly fashion, the case against Reed Harris does not look very good. Harris, however, has testified that he has never been in the Party and there is a possibility of perjury. This possibility revolves around a character named Reed Lampman, 342 West 71 Street, New York City, an old man who was in the WPA Writers' Project in Washington with Reed Harris and Henry Alsberg back in the '30's. Lampman told Surine Harris was a member of a group called the Little Soviets; Harris hung around with a man named Morton Kent, a Hungarian Jew who was known as a "mystery man" and apparently lived with Reed Harris. Lampman said that Kent was believed to be a Soviet Agent because about four and a half years ago Lampman ran into Kent in a bar on Tenth Street in Washington. Kent was worried and distressed. He had a little export-import business in Washington; and when Lampman asked him what had him worried, Kent advised that he was worried about the future of his wife and children because the FBI was about ready to pick him up for Soviet espionage. Three days after this conversation between Kent and Lampman, according to Lampman, Kent cut his, Kent's, throat on an island in the Potomac River above Chain Bridge and died. (I am trying to work out something on this which might be of some guidance but it does not look too promising and we have no main file on Morton Kent.)

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Informal to Mr. Nichols  
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Through Lampman, Surine learned that George Cronyne, D.C. has a great deal of information on Reed Harris in the pertinent period in WPA. Cronyne was reported to be anti-Soviet in the WPA in Washington. He might be called as a witness, although no specific information was mentioned.

Jerry Mangione, D.C., according to Lampman, was a close friend of Reed Harris, a member of the old "Little Soviets" group at WPA. Mangione later went to Immigration Service and was an attorney in the Department of Justice. Mangione is supposed to be well-tagged as a Communist. He may be called.

Katherine Kellock, D.C., according to Lampman, may also be called. She is believed to be employed at the present time by the State Department. According to Surine, her husband was believed to have been employed at one time by the Soviet Embassy and Kellock herself had previously been a secretary for somebody in the Soviet diplomatic establishment. According to Lampman, Kellock was believed to be an agent for the Soviets at the time Harris was in the WPA. Harris and Kellock were supposed to be very close friends.

Bayard Schindel, an individual with some sort of connection with the military, is supposed to have a great deal of information about the various characters previously mentioned, when they were at the WPA Writers' Project in Washington.

For a variety of reasons which will add nothing to the memorandum, Surine believes that Grace Lumpkin, 61 Grammercy Park, New York City, may be called as a witness about Harris. There is a possibility that Harris is the character she was sent from New York to Washington to meet with in either 1935 or 1936. Grace Lumpkin and the President of the Writers Union (a group of Communist writers in the New York Office of the WPA), along with a couple of others, were ordered to Washington, D. C., to receive secret instructions from an undercover comrade who was a top assistant to Harry Alsberg. Surine is trying to get the identification established. He believes this person is Harris and believes Lumpkin will identify him if he was, in fact, the individual they met. Some sort of demonstration was arranged at the time.

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Surine is also interviewing ~~Richard Wright~~, the negro author, ~~Edmund Stevens~~, an ex-Communist who is supposed to be with the Christian Science Monitor in Rome, and ~~Addison Cutler~~, of Fiske University in Nashville, if he has broken, and ~~Murtle Hawkins~~, who was Harris's secretary and is now married and living in the Washington area and whose name might possibly be learned through ~~Annabelle Lee~~, a very old lady (associated with the American Friends Service Committee), provided the proper approach to her is used.

Surine said he would contact Philip Jaffee and Budenz just to make the rounds. Westbrook Pegler reportedly suggested that Tom Gerdler (little steel) might have some information about Harris, although the background for this is not clear.

Just what all this was supposed to signify, I don't know. Surine did imply that he would like to get some information about Morton Kent. If we can find anything worth-while, I think we might very well consider making it available to him. We can see when that comes up, but if he had anything else in mind, I missed it.

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F. E. Crosby  
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April 1, 1953

A. H. Belmont

REED HARRIS

Reference is made to Congressman Taber's request received on March 26, 1953, for a name check on a number of individuals who he felt should not be employed on the Voice of America. To this list he added the name of Reid Harris stating he was not the kind who should be on the public payroll. In the preparation of this memorandum the review was limited to the main loyalty file.

In September, 1948, a loyalty investigation was instituted concerning Reed Harris. Investigation was based upon information received from the Civil Service Commission in 1942 to the effect that Harris had admitted membership in the League of American Writers, an organization cited by the Attorney General as Communist, during 1937 or 1938. The results of this investigation were furnished to the Civil Service Commission on November 26, 1948. The Civil Service Commission advised on June 13, 1949, that Harris had been declared "eligible on loyalty." A Voice of America investigation was conducted concerning Harris in 1950, results of which were furnished to the State Department on October 9, 1950, and to the Civil Service Commission on October 28, 1950. On April 20, 1951, the Civil Service Commission again advised that Harris had been declared "eligible on loyalty." (121-10315; 123-5600)

Reed Harris has been the subject of numerous newspaper articles during the past month in connection with his testimony before Senator McCarthy's Committee early in March. Harris testified before this Committee regarding his orders canceling Voice of America broadcasts in Hebrew to Israel and criticized Senator McCarthy's method of character assassination.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum be forwarded to Congressman Taber.

Attachment

cc: Loyalty Section (Egcn)

121-10315  
123-5600

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: Feb. 24, 1953

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

*Public account  
testimony secured &  
furnished to Dept  
re Reed Harris  
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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I am attaching hereto a transcript of hearings held by the Subcommittee on Investigations headed by Senator McCarthy in Executive Session on February 23, 1953, setting forth the testimony of Nathaniel Weyl, Donald Henderson, Alfred Ruhau, and Reed Harris. This was made available by Don Surine who would like to have this transcript back in the next couple days.

Surine feels Reed Harris perjured himself and he directed specific attention to the testimony of Henderson on page 5062 wherein Henderson declines to talk about Harris and Harris' testimony on pages 5145, 5212, and 5242. Reed Harris got his job through Tommy Corcoran.

It is suggested that the Intelligence Division review this testimony promptly and if it is felt of any value to the Bureau, a photostatic copy be made in order that this might be returned to Surine by the end of the week.

Surine also told me that Reed Harris is figuring quite prominently in the Voice of America investigations inasmuch as Harris issued instructions to discontinue "Hebrew broadcasts" on December 5, that prior to this the Israeli Government had requested such broadcasts to counteract the anti-Semitic outbursts of the Soviets in the Czecho-Slovakian case involving Slansky and others, that Harris has destroyed himself in the eyes of the Committee through his evasive tactics and sooner or later they are going into open sessions with him.

Surine also told me that Bedell Smith told Senator McCarthy that he was working in the closest of cooperation with the Director and was lining up men for State Department appointments whom the Director had recommended.

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CC - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

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1) Reed Harris  
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2) Phil is...  
3) Henderson  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *per JS*

DATE: October 3, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LB*SUBJECT: REED HARRIS  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
BUFILE 123-5600

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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

For record purposes, Mr. Reed Harris who figured in the McCarthy hearings called to see me on October 2. I had previously met him socially. He stated that he was calling to solicit counsel. For many years his hobby has been research in the employability of elder persons. Recently the Labor Department approached him to undertake some work in the area on a consultant basis. He does not need to work. He agreed to help out solely because of his interest in the field. He filled out the necessary forms and was told by the people who wanted to utilize his services that the personnel officers of the Department of Labor had taken a dim view on utilizing him as he might be "a security risk." Harris stated that, insofar as he can ascertain, this was based upon statements made by Senator McCarthy; that he did not want to raise any issues; that he had been investigated; that he had voluntarily resigned from the Government; that he had given full explanations; that if they did not want him because he was a controversial character this was understandable and he would have no objection.

I told him I was at a loss as to how to advise him other than to go to the Labor Department and furnish full background if he wanted to pursue the matter further.

The one thing that the McCarthy committee got after Harris about was the fact that Voice of America broadcasts in Hebrew to Israeli had been discontinued and the assertion was made that it was upon the orders of Reed Harris. This has been in the papers and Harris stated that the only incident that had connotations of overt acts was his action in approving the cancellation of the Hebrew broadcasts. He stated that he was acting for the administrator of the Information Service, that a situation developed where they had to curtail a certain amount of broadcasting activities, that the experts had recommended the discontinuance of the Hebrew broadcasts since they were actually ineffective in Israeli as most of the inhabitants of Israeli immigrated to that state and had been brought up on languages of other countries such as German, Slavic and the like. His decision was based upon technical recommendations; he had given a letter on this to Scott McLeod who agreed. He further stated that he, of course, had been dismissed from Columbia for some of his writings; that some of his

cc - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

October 3, 1956.

writings were foolish; that he had been "a damned fool" for some of his writings; that some of his writings do not today reflect his attitude and, in fact, did not reflect his attitude then as he was merely trying to attract attention.







1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Simpson

March 20, 1961

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EX 101

123-5600-13

Mr. Reed Harris  
4905 Berkley Street  
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Your letter dated March 15, 1961, addressed to Mr. Fred J. Baumgardner, has been called to my attention. It is extremely gratifying to know that Mr. Baumgardner's remarks before the National War College on March 14, 1961, were so well received.

I also want you to know that your comments concerning the activities of our Special Agents are appreciated. As you know, the FBI operates in the public interest and its conduct is based on American principles of fair play and ethical practices. As long as I have been privileged to serve as its Director, I have insisted on unbiased and impartial investigations by our Agents, and you may be assured that this policy will not be changed in any manner.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Reed Harris

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles indicate that Reed Harris was formerly employed with the Voice of America, Department of State. He was the subject of a loyalty investigation in 1948 and was declared eligible on loyalty. He was the subject of a Voice of America investigation in 1950 and was also declared eligible on loyalty. In 1953 we furnished additional information concerning Harris to Civil Service Commission and subsequently received notice from that Commission that Harris "resigned or was separated from Federal service prior to decision on loyalty." Our investigations indicated he had in the 1930s and early 1940s associated with some individuals who were known to be communists and was a member of several communist front organizations. Our investigations did not disclose that he was ever a member of the Communist Party and many of the individuals interviewed considered him loyal. He received considerable publicity during the course of a McCarthy Committee hearing in 1953 in connection with his activities with the Voice of America.

In view of correspondent's complimentary remarks concerning the FBI, it is believed that his letter to Mr. Baumgardner should be acknowledged over the Director's signature.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist Party, USA," Reprinted from "Ave Maria," April, 1960.
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

# AMVETS



Reply to:  
Reed Harris  
4905 Berkley St.  
Washington 16, D. C.

March 15, 1961

Mr. Fred J. Baumgardner  
Chief, Internal Security Section  
Domestic Intelligence Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baumgardner:

This is to offer thanks for your excellent talk at the National War College yesterday morning, during the seminar on international communism. The several men with whom I talked at lunch were tremendously impressed with your talk.

I was glad that as you were ending your remarks you warned against calling people Communists just because you may disagree with their views; and also that you pointed out that many of the young people in that film on the "San Francisco riots" were not, at all, Communists.

Our National Americanism Council does not follow the practice of the Americanism groups in certain other organizations in throwing around charges that various persons or unpopular groups are Communists. We take the view that we should bring the facts of Communism fully to the attention of our members, and that we should also strongly emphasize the positive values in American life which provide such a clear and inspiring answer to Communist propaganda. We do not feel that we should get into the practice of charging other Americans with being Communists unless you have specifically shown them to be such.

I am often disturbed by the practices of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, but I have always been a strong supporter of the FBI. When I was in Government, and since that time, I had occasion to talk with a considerable number of FBI Special Agents and I have been consistently impressed with the honest, direct, clear, and fair questions they ask. When in the delicate field of investigating the loyalty and security aspects of a man's life, FBI men make an intelligent and honorable approach to the subject, whereas agents of any number of other Government units sometimes inject their own prejudices or political views into questioning.

Sincerely yours,

Reed Harris

Vice Chairman, National

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# Reed Harris Gets No. 2 USIA Post

Washington, July 15—(AP)—  
Reed Harris, a former Voice of  
America official who tangled  
with the late Sen. Joseph Mc-  
Carthy, has been appointed spe-  
cial assistant to Edward R.  
Murrow, director of the U. S.  
Information Agency.

USIA spokesmen tonight con-  
firmed reports that Harris is re-  
turning to government service  
in a post that pays \$15,030 a  
year. Harris, 51, said he was  
delighted at the opportunity to  
work with the administration of  
President Kennedy and under  
Murrow, two men he has long  
admired.

Harris resigned in 1953 as  
deputy administrator of the In-  
ternational Information Admin-  
istration, forerunner of the  
USIA, after clashing with Mc-  
Carthy over the Voice of  
America.

Harris at the time accused  
McCarthy of unfair efforts to  
make it appear that the Voice  
had followed "a pattern to sup-  
port communism." He de-  
clared he knew of no Commu-  
nist activity in the Voice of  
America.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

The Philadelphia Inquirer  
Philadelphia, Pa.

The Evening Bulletin XX  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia Daily News  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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DATE: 7/16/61

EDITION: Sunday

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<b>UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION</b> <b>BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</b> WASHINGTON 25, D. C. <b>REFERRAL OF CASE TO FBI</b> <b>FOR INVESTIGATION</b>	DATE: 6-9-61 REPLY REFER TO CASE SERIAL NO: 3.22.61.5189 NAME: HARRIS, Reed.
TO:  Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.	AGENCY: U.S. Information Agency  AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Public Laws (PL 298) <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10422 as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10450 as Amended

This case is referred to you for investigation in view of the information contained in the Basis For Referral specified below. Please furnish copies of your reports of investigation to this office in the regular manner.

Albert Reed Harris

#### BASIS FOR REFERRAL:

- ☒ FBI Files
- ☐ CSC Security Investigations Index
- ☐ CSC Security Research Files
- ☐ House Committee on Un-American Activities Files
- ☐ Office of Naval Intelligence Files
- ☐ Department of Army Files
- ☐ Department of Air Force Files
- ☐ Coast Guard Intelligence Files
- ☐ Application Form, Personnel Security Questionnaire, or Standard Form 86
- ☐ Confidential Inquiry Form(s)
- ☐ Report of previous investigation. Copies attached as indicated under Enclosures.
- ☐ Report of previous investigation. Report may be reviewed at the Office of Chief, Investigations Division. Arrangements for review may be made by telephoning Code 129, extension 5104.
- ☐ Other (Specify)

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 I 121-10315 Rev 925

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#### REMARKS:

CSC records reflect previous FBI investigations on 1943 and 1950 wherein a question of loyalty was developed. CSC file also indicates that subject resigned his position at the Department of State in 1953 prior to a decision on loyalty.

CSC has not initiated any investigation in this case and it is believed your files contain all pertinent CSC information (previous CSC investigation of 1942 and 1943).

SF 87 is attached for your processing. Also copies of Current "Certificate of Non-Membership" signed by applicant and dated May 19, 1961.

Kimbell Johnson, Chief  
 INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Kimbell Johnson

#### ENCLOSURES:

- CSC Form 257 with attachments.
- ☒ Application Form, 2 copies of PSQ, or Standard Form 86.
- Copies of reports of previous investigation.
- Form DI-17, DI-17A, or DI-34

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SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA  
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 23.

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMNY)", if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)".)	(LAST NAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	2. DATE OF BIRTH
	HARRIS	Reed	LEE	May 5, 1909
OTHER NAMES USED (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used)				3. PLACE OF BIRTH
Named at birth "Albert Reed Harris". The name Albert was dropped on or about the 6th year and has not been used since. All legal documents, records, etc., except birth certificate show Reed				New York City, N.Y.
				4. <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
				5. HEIGHT WEIGHT COLOR EYES COLOR HAIR
				6'1" 196 Brwn. Gray

6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE, AND DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages.) Martha Margaret Tellier born Little Rock, Ark. Jan. 1, 1911 Married Manchester, Vt. Aug. 2, 1931.
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8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 23 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
Oct. 1946—Present		4905 Berkley Street (Crestview, Md.)	P.O. Washington 16 D.C.	
Dec. '45	Sept. '46	2000 Rittenhouse St. Green Meadows	Hyattsville, Md.	
Dec. '44	Sept. '45	819 W 24th St. (part-time; in Army barracks about 1/2 time)	San Antonio, Texas	
May '44	Dec. '44	Self in Army but wife and son		
Sept. '45	Nov. '45	at 24 North Park St.	Cambridge, N. Y.	
Dec. '42	May '44	132 Longfellow St. W	Washington 11, D. C.	
May '33	Dec. '42	700 Riverside Drive & final 4 mos. at 635 Riverside Drive	New York, N. Y.	
Dec. '34 — May '38		4120 14th St. W	Washington, D. C.	

(Note: Top address, 4905 Berkley originally 4915, changed by county to 4905 about '50)

<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	<input type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED CERT. NO.	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).	PETITION NO.	
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NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Cambridge High School	Cambridge, N. Y.	1924	1927	
Stamton Military Academy	Stamton, Va.	1927	1928	
Columbia College in Columbia Univ.	New York, N. Y.	1928	1932	
George Washington University	Washington, D. C.	1947	1947	
Georgetown University	Washington, D. C.	1939	1960	

(\*Not a fully registered student of the University but in ALWAYS-YES Georgetown graduate seminar and 6-month study period on "Education for Public Responsibility" with certificate issued as courtesy by Graduate School)

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11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE (See also item 24.)	12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 661-14-8790
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ENCLOSURE 123-5600-14

## 22. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you.)

NAME

ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

M. A. Weightsman (Ford Motor Co. exec.)	22181 Cherry Hill Rd. Dearborn Mich	10
Hon. Roy D. Kohler (Just. Secy. State)	Dept. of State, Washington 25 D.C.	9
Rev. Clifford H. Richmond (minister)	Chevy Chase Methodist Church, CC, Md.	6
Dr. Robert L. Thompson (educator)	7500 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.	12

## 23. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

Item 19: For about 6 yrs. was inactive member League of Am. Writers which in later yr. was placed on "Attorney General's list". As organization was not apparently under Communist control until 1939, believe it was not subversive when I left it, so answered "no" on item 18. I was not knowingly a member of any subversive org. and I neither believed in nor signed any statement by this or any other organization which would indicate I believed in overthrow of Govt. by force or other illegal means. Membership in League came when I was in Fed. Writers Project WPA. One of other staff members sent several names to League incl. mine & later asked for applic. signature and fee. As we knew it only as general liberal writers' org., we were temporarily pleased, since many prominent writers in it. (May 1938 issue League bulletin, after I resigned, listed me as new member along with Ernest Hemingway, Louis Bromfield, other prominent non-Communist authors.) As I received League literature, noted Communist line, I resigned, but was (see added sheet)

## 24. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

## CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form  
is punishable by law.

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and 1st carbon copy)

## INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 12 for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit two carbon copies of this form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Investigations Division, Bureau of Departmental Operations, Washington 25, D. C. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Security Investigations Section; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Unit.

RETAIN THE ORIGINAL COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING AGENCY OFFICIAL)			

EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Show ALL dates and addresses when under name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND NAME OF SUPERVISOR	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
June '33	Present	Publication Services, Inc. (No supervisor)	Washington, DC	President of publishing service firm	Still on
Oct. '57	Present	Reinforced Learning, Inc. (No supervisor)	Washington, DC	President of educ. publs. firm.	Still on
Aug. '59	Apr. '53	Dept. of State, Intl. Info. Admin. & predecessor (Dr. Wilson Compton, Dr. Robert Johnson)	Washington, DC	Deputy Admin. & other titles, US agency	To enter private bus.
Dec. '45	Aug. '50	Dept. of State, Office Deptl. Admin, then Office of Public Affairs	Washington, DC	Agent consultant, then Div. Chief in two Divisions.	Transfer to more challenging work.
May '44	Nov. '45	Army of U. S.	U.S.A.	Army public rel. and intelligence	Honorable disch.
Aug '42	Dec. '45	Office of War Information (P.C. Hamblat; then Vernon McFee; then Charles Fulton)	NYC then Wash. DC.	Field rep NY area, then Chief Agent Planning & Security Officer, Wash.	After mil. trf. to State
Jan. '39	Aug. '43	Office of Govt. Reports (P.C. Hamblat)	New York, NY	Actg. State Dir. of Federal info. agency	CGR trf. to GNI
Apr. '38	Jan. '39	Robbins Travel House (J. Stanton Robbins)	New York, NY	Mgr. Amer. Dept. & travel book editr.	Company closed
Nov. '34	Apr. '38	WPA (& pred. WPA) (Henry O. Alsberg; Lawrence S. Morris)	Washington, DC	Asst. Natl Director Fed Writers (& other editorial titles)	To enter private bus.
May '34	Oct. '34	Dodger-Brownings Hersey, Inc. (W. B. Lewis)	New York, NY	Produc. Mgr & Copy writer, advt. agency	Better job
Nov. '33	May '34	Robert Mack, Inc. (R. S. Mack)	New York, NY	Advt. studio copy writer, mgr.	Steadier job
Aug. '33	Nov. '33	Civil Works Admin (W. B. Wisner)	New York, NY	Survey clerk	To enter private bus.
Feb. '33	Aug. '33	Self (short contracts with publisher, syndicates, etc.)	New York, NY	Writer-editor	Steadier income
Oct. '32	Jan. '33	N. Y. Journal (Amster Spire)	New York, NY	Reporter	St. ff 50% cut
Apr. '32	Oct. '32	N. Y. Times & self (Valde Walker)	New York, NY	Writer, news. circul. promoter	Better job
Aug. '23	June '27	Wash. County Post	Cambridge, NY	Apprentice printer, mailer	(Was temp., part time in school days full time summer)

(1937-32 mostly full time school)

15. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE? (Do not include anything that happened before your sixteenth birthday. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$25 or less was imposed. All other charges must be included even if they were dismissed.)

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

REASON CHARGED OR HELD

DATE

PLACE WHERE CHARGED OR HELD AND  
NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

DISPOSITION

Alleged reckless driving	July '31	Cambridge, NY, arrest by NY State Trooper on complaint of drunken road foreman	Charge withdrawn, case dismissed
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16. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT USA	DATE RETURNED USA	PURPOSE
Germany	1948	(1 wk) 1948	State Dept. official business
France	1948	(2 days) 1948	"
"	1961	(8 days) 1961	"
Great Britain	1961	(1 wk) 1961	"
Switzerland	1961	(1 wk) 1961	"
Ireland	1961	(4 days) 1961	"
Italy	1961	(1 wk) 1961	"

17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

No  
(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

18. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

Yes  
(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

19. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 17 OR 18 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP, IN QUESTION 23 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
League of American Writers	New York City	Approx 12/27	1/38	None

20. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.)

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
ANVETS	1710 RI Ave NW Wash. DC	Vet.	1964	Present	Natl. Exec. Committee Post Cmdr.; Dept. Cmdr.; Vice Chm Natl. Americanism Council
Hazons (204 Bethesda)	Bethesda, Md.	Frnt.	1956	Present	None
Phi Gamma Delta (Omega)	538 W 114 ST, NY	Frnt.	1939	Present	Pres. Chapter
Natl. Self Govt. Committee	New York, NY	Edms.	1939	Present	Director

(See attached sheet for additional organizations)

21. RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Mother	Lola Estella Harris	1878	116 W. Main Cambridge NY	USA	USA
Father (dead)	Tudor Reed Harris	1876	Van New York City	USA	USA
Wife	Martha Harg. Bellier	1911	4906 Berkley, Wash DC	USA	USA
Sister	Barbara Harris Slater	1915	70 1/2 Hudson, Glens Falls NY	USA	USA
Son	Robert Reed Harris	1941	U of Penn, Phila, Pa.	USA	USA
Daughter	Ann Shapleigh Harris	1946	4906 Berkley, Wash DC	USA	USA
Son	Donald Reed Harris	1953	4906 Berkley, Wash DC	USA	USA



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

123-

Date:

6-14-61

To:

SAC

New York

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject:

REED HARRI.

AKA: ALBERT HEND HARRI.

VOA (USIA)

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above-named individual in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 19, Volume 2 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the completed investigation must be submitted Airmail, Special Delivery, where proper, to reach the Bureau by 6/29/61.

Birth date and Birthplace:

Present Address:

Social Security Number:

Firm to employ and position involved:

ENCLOSURE (2)  
2-WASHINGTON FIELD (ENC. 2)  
2-BALTIMORE (ENC. 2)  
2-ALBANY (ENC. 2)  
2-PHILADELPHIA (ENC. 2)  
2-DETROIT (ENC. 2)

USIA advised Bureau through Liaison Reed to be assistant to E. R. Murrow and they requested expeditious handling of this case.

GRS:pdh  
(12)



WASHINGTON FIELD: Use following predication urrep: This case was referred to the FBI by the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of Public Law 298, 82nd Congress.

Include statement urrep that applicant was subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI in 1948 under provisions of executive order 9835. By letter dated 6-13-49 the CSC advised that Harris had been declared "eligible on loyalty." In 1950 the FBI conducted an applicant-type investigation re: Harris. By letter dated 4/20/51 the CSC advised that Harris had been declared "eligible on loyalty."

Information is contained in Bureau files that, in 1953, the applicant appeared before public sessions of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Government Operations, Volumes #96, 97 and 98, dated 3/3,4,5/53 appear to pertain to the applicant. Review the records of these hearings and include all pertinent information therein in urrep.

Include in urrep information contained in report of (121-10315-32) Agent John L. Neese, Jr., dated 4/15/53 at W.D.C. at the Division of Security, Department of State and all other pertinent information contained in these files. Resolve the question which prompted CSC to refer this case. (121-10315-31)

On PSQ applicant states he resided from 12/34 to 5/38 at 4120 14th St., N.W., W.D.C. Investigation at N.Y. in 1948 revealed applicant resided 67 Morton St., N.Y.C. from 1933 to 1938. Resolve.

NEW YORK:

Reurfile 121-3462, report SA Melvin A. Thompson, 10/27/48, page 4. Attempt to determine if applicant was taken into membership of Consumers Union of United States, Inc.

Recontact T-1 and report results in report suitable for dissemination. Refer to same symbol number and report in which it appears. List membership in all organizations cited, or those not appearing on PSQ. Document each, where needed.

Check indices for current, pertinent information and include same urrep.

In rep SA Thompson, mentioned above, page 8 (last paragraph) it is stated that applicant resided at 67 Morton Street from 1933 to 1938. On PSQ applicant indicates residence Washington, D. C., this period. Resolve.

ALBANY:

Reurfile 123-734, report SA R. W. McDonough 10/2/50. This information was not disseminated inasmuch as it was contained in administrative report. Conduct necessary investigation to resolve allegations, and include all pertinent information in your current report. (123-5600-3)

ALL OFFICES:

USIA requested expeditious handling of this case. Buded must be met without fail. If for any reason, however, you are unable to meet the deadline advise Bureau prior to deadline date and reason for delay.

New York, see urfile 121-3462.

Washington Field, see urfile 121-5280.

Albany, see urfile 123-734.

Copies of reports in previous investigations have been furnished to CSC. Bring investigation up to date. In your investigation if any informant is deceased or not available for recontact, include that information urrep. In recontacting any informant refer to report in which information appears and use same "I" symbol. If any person furnishes derogatory information, get signed statement and determine if they will appear before hearing board.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

7-19-61

Paul J. McNichol, Director

Office of Security

U. S. Information Agency

616 Walker Johnson Building

1734 New York Avenue N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Re- Reed Harris

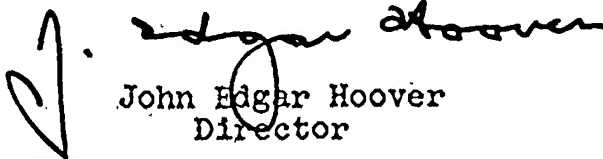
VOA(USIA)

3.22.61.5189

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures

*(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any,  
this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)*

(1 cc of 3 reports)

(2 cc's of each report was furnished to CSC.)

This report completes the investigation

Federal Bureau of Investigation

7-19-61

Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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(1 cc of each report was furnished direct to USIA)

This report completes the investigation

## NUMEROUS REFERENCE

## SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Harris, Reed

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

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## SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Harris, Tudor Reed

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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refs on Son, Reed Harris  
 might be father also,  
 Reed Mrs (poss sp)

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✓ 353 p8,9,  
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✓ I 100-114575-43; 41 SI  
✓ I 100-24628-1947 SI  
✓ I 100-3-67-A N.Y. Herald  
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 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Localities \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File

) DATE: 6/29/61

FROM : SAC, Albany

(File 123-734 )

SUBJECT: REED HARRIS aka  
VOA (USIA)

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 6/29/61

Reason for the delinquency: Additional lead received from  
Baltimore 6/29/61Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: 7/6/61AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)~~FILE~~



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File ) DATE: JUL 6 1961

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (File 123-5826 )

SUBJECT: REED HARRIS, aka. (AIRMAIL)  
VOA (USIA)

ReWFOairtel 6/28/61.

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 6/29/61.

Reason for the delinquency: Lead received in insufficient time to meet  
BUDED.

Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: 7/13/61, or immediately following check of  
records.

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

*No administrative action warranted*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Trotter *WJG*

DATE: 6/20/61

FROM : ☒ A. Rosen ☐ I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: *Reed Harris*  
*VOA (USCIS)*

*6-21-61  
2 files*

Please search the name of the individual through the records of the Identification Division and return this memorandum with a notation of your findings to:

- ☐ Employees Security Section, Room \_\_\_\_\_, Justice Building. (In SGE and UN cases, if a record of arrest is found, please enclose, in addition to file copy, 1 copy of the Identification Record for each state in which arrests occurred).
- ☒ Special Inquiry Section, Room *4651*, Justice Building.
- ☐ Laboratory, Att.: \_\_\_\_\_, Ext. \_\_\_\_\_, re D # \_\_\_\_\_

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance (Att.: Investigative Division only - in addition to the name or names and the Government agency appearing in the title):

Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race	Height <i>6'11"</i>	Name and aliases (For use of Laboratory) (1)	(2)	(3)
Date and place of birth <i>Nov. 5 1909</i> <i>New York City, N.Y.</i>	Age				
Military Service # <i>Army</i> <i>ASE 33 887004</i>	CSC #	<i>1944 to 1945</i>			
Last known address <i>4905 Bayley Street (Crestview Md.)</i> <i>P.O. Washington 16, D.C.</i>					
Previous Government employment <i>Dept of State</i> <i>50 to 53</i> <i>45-6 8-10</i>					
Date SGE security form received					
Other pertinent identifying data (Att.: Lab., include PD #s and location)					

## Identification Division Reply

- ☐ Based upon information furnished, no record located.
- ☐ A noncriminal fingerprint record which IS or MAY BE identical was located. This record was searched through the criminal files and no criminal record found.
- ☒ The enclosed Identification Record IS ~~identical~~ identical with the record of the employee, applicant, or subject.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEO 295 6-23-61

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER

, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
C.S. Commission Washington, D.C.	Reed Harris Residence: 700 Riverside Drive New York City, N.Y. Born: 11-5-1909	F.P. 3-6-42 City and St. not given	Position: Principal Field Rep. Off. of Gov't. Reports 521 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y.	
Army, Wash., D.C.	Reed Harris #33887004	enlisted 5-2-44		
US Dept of State Wash DC	Reed Harris #--	Appl Prt Rec 5-12-49		
US Dept of State Wash DC	Reed Harris #--	Appl Prt Rec 8-1-50		

Notations indicated by \*ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data formerly furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.



Item 19 (continued from Item 23):

apparently kept on the mailing list for some time, as I continued to receive literature through most of 1935.

From about 1931 onward, I was active as a reporter and writer and therefore often requested information from and about all sorts of organizations. For that reason, my name probably appeared on a lot of mailing lists, some of which may be those of organizations which were ultimately judged subversive. I was not a member of such organizations, however.

Item 20 (continued)

Am. Foreign Service Assoc.	Washington, DC	Edms.	1930 to present	no office
Am. Civil Liberties Union	New York, NY	Edms.	1954 to present	no office
Natl. Rifle Assn.	Washington, DC	Edms.	Three times, last 1952 to 1960	no office
Am. Historical Assn.	Washington, D.C.	Edms.	1948 to 1952	no office
Natl. Travel Club	New York, NY	Edms.	1926 to 1931	no office
Little Falls Swimming Club, Inc.	Wash. 18 DC	Social	1958 to present	Director
Natl. Society of Seniors, Inc.	Washington, D.C.	Edms.	1946 to present	President
Senior Citizens of America, Inc.	Washington, DC	Edms.	1956 to present	no office
The Gerontological Society	St. Louis, Mo.	Edms.	1955 to present	no office
Young Men's Christian Assoc.	Bethesda, Md.	Social	Five times, last 1958 to present	no office
Boy Scouts of America	Washington, DC.	Boys	1950 to 1954	Troop & Post Committees
PTA's at 3 schools	Washington, DC	Edms.	1947 to present	no office
Am. Assn. for United Nations	New York, NY	Edms.	1958 to present	no office
Assoc. for Advancement of Management	Wash. DC	Edms.	1946 to 1950	no office
Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.	Beltsville, Md.	Edms	& Council 1947 to present	no office
Group Health Assoc., Inc.	Washington, D.C.	Med.	Co-op 1945 to present	Chair Claims, Member Rel. and Nominations Committees at various times
AFGE & United Fed. Workers	Washington, DC	Unions	1935 to 1937	Was member of AFGE and then out local moved to CIO United Fed Workers and I got out immed.

(My recollection, and such records as are available here, do not bring forth any additional organizations except school outfits and such things as Assoc of Alumni of Columbia College.)

Reed Harris  
Reed Harris

May 19, 1961

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I certify that I have read the names of the above-listed organizations, and that I am not, nor have I been, a member of; that I have not contributed to, requested literature from, or attended meetings of any organization listed, except as indicated and explained below:

League of American Writers  
(Organization)

About 6 weeks, early 1938 (before League was  
(Dates of Membership) on any public  
list of  
possibly  
subversive orgs)

Remarks:

As I have stated in sheets attached to Form 57 and Standard Form 86, a "friend" sent my name in for membership in the League, with others. We all took the matter lightly and confirmed by signing membership cards, as we had been given the impression that this was an org. of liberal writers including a majority of the big writing names of the period. (Ernest Hemingway and Louis Bromfield were on same list my name appeared on, published May, 1938 after I had actually resigned; other non-Communist writers, many of them, were members.) As I noted Communist treachery in literature of League, I resigned only 6 weeks after my name went in; but I received literature for several months.

To swear I have not "requested literature from" organizations would be almost impossible; I was a reporter and writer in the 30s and probably wrote for literature to some of these; and received much unsolicited literature. Also attended meetings to cover for newspaper (but don't remember any of these names among those whose meetings I covered).

SIGNED AT Washington, D.C.  
(City and State)

DATE May 19, 1961

Reed Harris  
(Signature)

6/23/61

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (121-5280)

REED HARRIS, aka  
Albert Reed Harris  
VOA (USIA)

Re Bulet to New York, 6/14/61.

The General indices of HCUA as checked by  
IC [ ] on 6/22/61 shows that information  
concerning applicant appeared in the "New York Times,  
4/15/53, page 1.

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New York review contents and report pertinent  
information urep.

- ② - New York
- ① - Bureau
- ① - WFO

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To: SAC, Washington Field  
From: Director, FBI (123-5600)

REED HARRIS  
aka Albert Reed Harris  
VOA (USIA)

ReBulet 6/14/61.

See urfile 121-28143, report of SA Veigle, 4/17/53. Include statement urep that applicant was associate of William B. Connors who was investigated by FBI in 1953 under provisions of Executive Order 10450. By letter dated 8/24/56, CSC advised the disposition was a "favorable determination." (121-43229-39)

See urfile 140-2261, report of SA Theodore C. Johnson, 4/1/54. Include statement urep that applicant was an associate of Alan Mac Naughton Gordon Little, who was investigated by the FBI in 1954 under provisions of Executive Order 10450. By letter dated 5/3/55, the CSC advised Little was given a "favorable determination." (140-2964-14)

Information contained in Bureau files that Reed Harris resigned from State Department effective April 24, 1953. Ascertain details and include urep. (123-5600-32)

See urfile 116-94640, report of SA Donald C. Marrell, 12/31/52. Include statement urep that applicant was associate and former supervisor of Foy David Kohler who was investigated by the FBI in 1953 under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. On 11/6/53, the CSC advised that the disposition concerning Kohler was "retained." (121-42505-3, p.24)

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Review the following and include pertinent information urep re applicant:

1 - Report #928, p. 829 of Committee on Government Operations, Senate Permanent Subcommittee Investigations, (hereinafter referred to as "A") dated 2/3/54, (83rd Congress, 2nd Session). (62-98810-353)

2 - Report of Hearing before "A" dated 3/3/53, Part 5. (62-98810-68)

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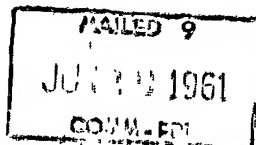
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REED HARRIS, AKA  
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Re BA airtel dated 6/27/61 and urep dated 6/27/61.

Submit supplemental report to include results of investigation as set out in BA airtel to reach Bureau no later than 7/3/61.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>REED HARRIS Aka. Albert Reed Harris</b>		Report made by <b>ROBERT W. MC DONOUGH</b>	Typed By <b>MMN</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>VOA (USIA)</b>  <b>RC</b>  <b>SD</b>  <b>E5-</b>	

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA ROBERT W. MC DONOUGH  
Date: June 27, 1961

Office: Albany, New York

Field Office File No.: 123-734

Bureau File No.:

Title: REED HARRIS

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA  
(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis: Former associates and neighbors of applicant at Cambridge, New York, furnished no specific derogatory information regarding applicant's moral reputation or loyalty. Applicant's mother has good reputation in Cambridge, N.Y., and applicant's sister has good reputation in South Glens Falls, N.Y. No arrest or credit record located on applicant at Cambridge, N.Y. Applicant's mother has fair credit record at Cambridge, N.Y. Applicant's sister has good credit record at South Glens Falls, N.Y. No arrest record located on applicant's mother or sister at Cambridge or South Glens Falls, N.Y. No record located concerning applicant's reckless driving charge, 7/31, NYSP, Loudonville, N.Y.

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DETAILS: AT CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK

On June 21, 1961, EDWARD J. KENT, Postmaster, Cambridge Post Office, advised he recalled the applicant very well, stating that applicant attended Cambridge High School with him in the late 1920's and early 1930's. Mr. KENT stated that the applicant left the Cambridge area in the early 1930's and attended Columbia University and has not been a permanent resident of Cambridge, New York, since that time. He stated he recalled hearing about a controversial article that the applicant wrote while he was a student at Columbia University. KENT stated he never saw this article, but he advised it was

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the rumor throughout the Cambridge area that the applicant, in this article, had been rather outspoken in his criticism of Columbia University and the subsidization of football players and athletes in general.

Mr. KENT stated that he knew of no disloyal tendencies on the part of the applicant or any members of the applicant's family. He stated further that the applicant never expressed any radical or disloyal ideas while he was a resident of Cambridge, New York, and Mr. KENT stated he would not hesitate to recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

Mr. KENT stated further he had heard rumors throughout the Cambridge, New York, area to the effect that the applicant was alleged to have been the father of RITA FRAZIER's illegitimate child. KENT stated he always disbelieved this rumor because he was firmly convinced that another young man, from Hoosick Falls, New York, who dated RITA FRAZIER at the same time the applicant dated her, was the man responsible. He stated that RITA FRAZIER had a reputation of being rather "fast," and he stated that during the period in question RITA FRAZIER was running around with two or three boys at the same time. He advised he always felt she was dating the applicant for prestige and went out with the other boys for "the kicks."

Mr. KENT stated he was well acquainted with the applicant's sister, BARBARA, and he advised that although she has been married two or three times he knew nothing specifically derogatory concerning her moral reputation. Mr. KENT stated the applicant's mother, LOIS E. HARRIS, still resides at Cambridge, New York, and enjoys a good reputation.

Mr. KENT stated that JOHN S. HENRY, former owner and operator of Henry's General Store at Cambridge, is now deceased. He stated also that Mrs. EVA CARPENTER, former kindergarten teacher at Cambridge, New York, is now over eighty years of age, in very poor health, and is senile.

On June 21, 1961, Mr. GARDINOR B. CULLINNAN, owner, publisher and editor of the "Washington County Post," 13 West Main Street, advised he recalled the applicant very well,

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stating that he attended the Cambridge High School with the applicant. Mr. CULLINNAN pointed out that Cambridge, New York, has a population of about 1700 people, and he stated that everyone in town knows everyone else's business. CULLINNAN stated there have been numerous rumors throughout the Cambridge area relative to the applicant's moral character and loyalty, but he stated he knew absolutely nothing specific of a derogatory nature relative to the applicant's moral character or loyalty. CULLINNAN stated he recalled that the applicant, while he attended Columbia University, wrote a book called "King Football," and also wrote a number of articles in the University newspaper. CULLINNAN stated that although he never read any of the University newspaper articles, he did read the book "King Football," and it was his impression that the applicant had expressed the viewpoint that an individual either had to have money or be a good athlete to get along in the world. CULLINNAN stated that in his articles the applicant allegedly criticized the whole system of subsidizing college athletes, particularly the attitude of Columbia University in this regard. CULLINNAN stated the applicant's ideas relative to his criticism of college football recruiting methods and the wealthy classes were elaborated in the University newspaper, and therefore the applicant got a considerable amount of notoriety. CULLINNAN stated he never saw anything of a Communistic or disloyal nature in any of the applicant's articles or books.

CULLINNAN stated he never had any reason to question the applicant's loyalty to this country, and he stated the applicant never exhibited any disloyal tendencies while he resided in Cambridge, New York.

Concerning the applicant's moral character and reputation, Mr. CULLINNAN stated that it was the accepted story in Cambridge, New York, that the applicant was the father of RITA FRAZIER's illegitimate child. CULLINNAN stated, however, that he had no specific information relative to this rumor, and he advised he would not agree to testify or furnish a signed statement relative to this information because his knowledge was hearsay based on rumor. Mr. CULLINNAN pointed out that RITA FRAZIER has since married successfully and has a well-adjusted, normal family. CULLINNAN pointed out that the other members of the FRAZIER family, including RITA's sister and two brothers,

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all are successful individuals. He stated that RITA FRAZIER's sister is married to a doctor, and her two brothers, FRANK and JULIAN, are executives in the insurance business at DeWitt, New York, and East Providence, Rhode Island, respectively.

Mr. CULLINNAN stated he had never had any reason to question the applicant's loyalty to this country and he stated he would gladly recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

On June 21, 1961, Mr. CLARENCE COULTER, Cashier, Cambridge Valley National Bank, 31 East Main Street, advised he recalls the applicant well as a former resident of Cambridge, New York. Mr. COULTER stated he recalled that while the applicant attended Columbia University, he wrote some sort of an article in the Columbia University newspaper that created quite a controversy. The article seemed to have been quite radical in its nature. Mr. COULTER admitted that he never saw the article and did not know the substance of the article, but stated it was rumored around Cambridge, New York, that the article was radical. By radical, Mr. COULTER stated he meant a departure from the generally-accepted concepts of administration and of government. Mr. COULTER stated he believed the article was critical of Columbia University and the then existing Federal Government. COULTER also stated that it may be that the applicant at that time was just taking advantage of his prerogative of free speech and freedom of the press. He stated further that probably if the article was written today it would not be controversial.

Mr. COULTER advised he had no firsthand knowledge of this article or its contents and stated that therefore he did not care to testify or furnish a signed statement regarding the above information. He further advised he never had any reason to question the loyalty of the applicant or any members of the applicant's family, and he stated he knew of no reason why he could not recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

Mr. COULTER advised he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the applicant's moral reputation, and he stated that his sister went to high school with RITA FRAZIER and he

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recalled his sister always described RITA FRAZIER as being a "fast girl."

Concerning the applicant's sister, BARBARA, Mr. COULTER stated he knew her quite well and was aware of the fact she had been separated, divorced and married on several occasions. He stated he had heard rumors to the effect that her moral reputation was not the best, but he advised this information was strictly based on rumor, stating he had no firsthand knowledge relative to any derogatory information regarding her moral reputation.

On June 21, 1961, [redacted] advised he was employed as [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he came to Cambridge, New York, to live in 1934, shortly after the applicant left the Cambridge area. He advised, however, that he was well acquainted with the applicant, the applicant's mother and the applicant's sister, stating that [redacted] and has, on numerous occasions, visited with the applicant when the applicant has vacationed at Cambridge, New York.

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[redacted] stated that he recalled the applicant went to Columbia University, and it was his impression that the applicant was expelled from the University and was subsequently reinstated. He advised the applicant wrote a book regarding his difficulties at Columbia University, and he stated that to his knowledge his book was rather critical of colleges in general, and specifically Columbia University, but he stated he knew of no disloyal attitudes adhered to by the applicant.

[redacted] stated that the applicant was later accepted by the United States Army, and he advised that during World War II he recalled hearing rumors in Cambridge, New York, that the applicant was alleged to have had associations with "off-colored people and that he had Communistic ideas." [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had absolutely no facts relating to these



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comments, and he advised that all of these comments were strictly based on rumors. [ ] stated he had talked to the applicant on numerous occasions and he felt that any disloyal accusations or rumors pertaining to the applicant were entirely incorrect. [ ] advised it was now his opinion that the applicant had never been disloyal to this country, although he admitted he used to feel that the applicant had been disloyal, and he based this former opinion partly on hearsay and partly on the fact that the applicant never seemed to let anyone know what he was doing. [ ] pointed out that his own life is an open book and he always was rather suspicious of the applicant because the applicant was secretive about his activities.

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[ ] pointed out further that during the early 1930's he believed the applicant was employed for the Government in some affiliation with the CCC or WPA projects, where the applicant allegedly worked on a publication called "A Guide to the United States." [ ] advised that a lot of people in Cambridge, New York, were critical of the applicant because he was on the Government payroll. [ ] pointed out that Cambridge is an ultra-conservative New England community.

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[ ] admitted he had only been in Cambridge for approximately [ ] years, and he advised the applicant had either just left or was about to leave Cambridge when [ ] moved to the area. [ ] advised he did not know the applicant as a boy or high school student and thus had no firsthand information on the applicant's activities when he resided in Cambridge, New York.

[ ] stated that actually he changed his opinion regarding the applicant's loyalty to this country after the applicant had been dismissed by the Voice of America because, according to [ ] of admissions the applicant made in his testimony as a witness in an unrecalled Communist trial.

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[ ] stated he believed the applicant, during this testimony, had admitted he had known the person or persons who were on trial for their Communistic affiliations. [ ] stated the applicant "went to court - made a clean breast of everything he knew and they picked him clean. They were never able to pin anything on him so I feel I was wrong in my prior opinion of him."

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[ ] stated he had not the faintest firsthand knowledge of any disloyalty on the part of the applicant, and he stated he is now of the very definite opinion that the applicant has never been disloyal to this country.

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[ ] stated that when he first came to Cambridge, New York, in 1934, he heard a rumor from [ ] ELIZABETH JENKINS, whom he stated is now over 65 years of age and a County charge because of her senile condition. [ ] stated that ELIZABETH JENKINS told him that the applicant was allegedly the father of an illegitimate child born to RITA FRAZIER. [ ] advised he had no firsthand knowledge of this situation, and he stated all of his information is based on rumor. He advised that therefore he would not be able to testify to this information, nor would he furnish a signed statement relative to this information. [ ] advised that RITA FRAZIER is now married to a fine young man, has her own family and enjoys a good reputation.

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[ ] then stated that he did not know of any other immorality that the applicant had ever been accused of, pointing out that the applicant has a fine wife and two lovely children. He further stated that assuming the above incident relative to RITA FRAZIER was true, he would be willing to overlook it because the applicant was very young at the time this incident allegedly occurred.

[ ] stated further the applicant's sister, BARBARA HARRIS, on one occasion did tell him in casual conversation that the applicant had registered as a Communist in about 1948. [ ] stated, however, that possibly BARBARA HARRIS was merely just bragging, feeling that this remark was to the applicant's credit. [ ] pointed out that he never trusted BARBARA HARRIS and would on no occasion believe what she had to say because, in his opinion, she has been a very immoral woman. [ ] advised that because of his lack of faith in BARBARA's character he would decline to testify or furnish a signed statement relative to BARBARA HARRIS' alleged comment.

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no specific first hand knowledge of any of these incidents and, therefore, declined to furnish signed statement nor would he agree to testify to this information.

[ ] at the conclusion of the interview, advised that he would be very glad to see the applicant get a good position in the Government because he felt the applicant is very conscientious and because he felt that the applicant had had a very hard time financially since he was dismissed by the Government in the early 1950's.

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On June 21, 1961 Chief of Police PHILIP SICA, Cambridge, New York Police Department, advised that there was no arrest record on the applicant, the applicant's sister or the applicant's mother listed in his files. Chief of Police SICA stated that he did not know the applicant or the applicant's sister but advised that the applicant's mother does enjoy a good reputation in Cambridge, New York.

AT SOUTH GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK

On February 22, 1961 Chief of Police THOMAS L. CLELAND, South Glens Falls Police Department, advised that he has known the applicant's sister, BARBARA SLATER, for about eight years during which time she has resided in South Glens Falls, New York. Chief CLELAND stated that the applicant's sister and her children resided at 48 Second Street, South Glens Falls, New York for approximately six years until she met and married VERNON SLATER and thereafter moved with her family to her present address, 70½ Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York. CLELAND advised that the applicant's sister and VERNON SLATER only lived together for approximately a year and one half, had no children and are now separated. He described VERNON SLATER as a shiftless, irresponsible individual who has been married on several occasions, who has no permanent employment and usually is part time employed as a taxi driver, operator of a gas

station and a motor mechanic. CLELAND stated that VERNON SLATER has never been arrested by his department but he pointed out that his reputation in the community is not too good because of his irresponsible attitude.

Chief CLELAND stated that Mrs. SLATER and her children enjoy a good reputation in the community. He advised that the applicant's sister, for a great many years, was employed as a telephone operator by the New York Telephone Company at Glens Falls, New York. He advised, however, that she is presently unemployed and he stated that he understands she is suffering from a serious illness.

Chief CLELAND stated that there was no arrest record in his department on the applicant's sister, any of her children or her estranged husband, VERNON SLATER.

AT GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK

On June 21, 1961 Miss [ ] of the Adirondack Credit Service, which covers Glens Falls, South Glens Falls and Cambridge, New York, made available her records which reflected that the applicant's mother, LOUISE HARRIS had a fair credit record based on the fact that she was slow settling two judgments; one dated September, 1948 in the amount of \$413 in favor of the Charles McGhee Lumber Company. This judgment was satisfied on October 6, 1948. The second judgment, dated November 13, 1951 was not fully satisfied until November 3, 1958. This judgment was in the amount of \$759.26 in favor of the Peoples Gas and Oil Company. The credit records also reflect that in December, 1958 a lis pendens in favor of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Albany, New York as executors on three mortgages; the first being \$2,150 the second, \$3,335 and the third \$3,052.41. The credit records reflect that this action was a foreclosure on the above mortgages.

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Miss [ ] stated there was no record in her files for the applicant and she advised that the applicant's sister, BARBARA SLATER, enjoys a good credit record.

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AT SALEM, NEW YORK

On June 21, 1961 Undersheriff [REDACTED]  
Washington County Sheriff's Office, which covers Salem, New  
York, advised that there was no arrest record on the applicant,  
his sister or his mother listed in the files.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

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AT LOUDONVILLE, NEW YORK

On June 20, 1961, Lieutenant [REDACTED] New York State Police, Troop G, advised he could locate no record of an arrest for REED HARRIS or ALBERT REED HARRIS for reckless driving in July, 1931. Lt. [REDACTED] stated that only a few arrests of this type were made official records in those days and apparently this was one in which no record was kept.

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Reporting Office <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>6/27/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/23/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>REED HARRIS, aka Albert Reed Harris</b>		Report made by <b>WRIGHT PATTON</b>	Typed By <b>MO</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>VOA (USIA)</b>	

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## Copy to:

Report of: WRIGHT PATTON  
Date: June 27, 1961

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Field Office File No.: 123-3195

Bureau File No.:

Title: REED HARRIS,

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA  
(U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY)Synopsis: No credit or arrest record located for applicant's  
son, ROBERT REED HARRIS, Philadelphia, Pa.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.Credit and arrest checks were conducted by IC   
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On June 23, 1961, records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau were checked by a clerk of that organization, and no record was located for   
Philadelphia, Pa.

On June 23, 1961,  clerk, Central Records Section, and  clerk, Intelligence Division, both of the Philadelphia Police Department, advised their files did not reflect a record of

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TITLE OF CASE <b>REED HARRIS, aka. Albert Reed Harris</b>		Report made by <b>WILLIAM T. BOLAND (A)</b>	Typed By: <b>SLZ</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>VOA - (USIA)</b>	

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Report of: WILLIAM T. BOLAND (A)  
Date: 6/28/61

Office: DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Field Office File No.: Detroit 123-1462

Bureau File No.:

Title: REED HARRIS

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA - (UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis: Comments of MELVIN A. WEIGHTMAN favorable and he recommends.

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DETAILS:

AT DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

REFERENCE

On June 28, 1961, Mr. MELVIN A. WEIGHTMAN, Organization and Analysis Manager, Ford Motor Company, advised he worked with HARRIS from approximately October, 1951, until November, 1953, when HARRIS was Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency (USIA) and he was a Special Assistant to the Director of the USIA. WEIGHTMAN advised he had contact with HARRIS on a daily basis during the above period, but since that time they have had no business contact. However, they correspond and visit with each other from time to time.

According to Mr. WEIGHTMAN, HARRIS has an exceptionally fine character, is intensely ethical and is very scrupulous in his dealings with other people which, in his opinion, is the marking of a good administrator. HARRIS is genuinely

friendly, patient and sympathetic of the feelings of others and as a result, people react very favorably toward him. WEIGHTMAN advised that he and HARRIS were not close socially during the period they worked together with the USIA, but they did visit each other occasionally. It was his observation that the HARRIS family had a happy home life, and they did not participate a great deal in Washington social gatherings. HARRIS' conduct is socially acceptable, and nothing unfavorable is known to WEIGHTMAN with respect to HARRIS' associates or associations. WEIGHTMAN said he was not aware of any organization to which HARRIS may have belonged other than a veterans organization.

According to WEIGHTMAN, an allegation was made by a Voice of America employee during the time that HARRIS was Deputy Director that the management of the Voice of America was anti-Semitic because they either cancelled or curtailed broadcasts in Hebrew to Israel. WEIGHTMAN said this was brought out in the Mc Carthy Hearings, and he knows from his own personal knowledge that it was purely a matter of allocation of funds, and the decision to cancel or curtail the broadcasts was made by the Planning Board and not by HARRIS.

WEIGHTMAN advised he is not sympathetic with HARRIS' political views, but HARRIS is a man of the highest integrity and, in his opinion, absolutely loyal and patriotic. WEIGHTMAN said he would have some reservations as to HARRIS' professional qualifications and explained that he believes HARRIS is an ideal number two man or executive-type officer because he is a very capable and able administrator. In WEIGHTMAN's opinion the number one man of any organization should be a brilliant idea man and HARRIS is lacking in this respect.

WEIGHTMAN advised that during the period he worked with HARRIS they handled highly classified material from a political standpoint, and HARRIS was always very circumspect in handling this material. He said he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust without reservation with respect to his character, reputation and loyalty.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>VOICE OF AMERICA (UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)</b>	

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Re Bulet above, it is noted that applicant's residence at 67 Morton Street, NYC, during the period 1933 - 1938, was verified through the owner of that building and through neighbors as set forth in the report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON at NY, dated 10/27/48, entitled "REED HARRIS, aka, ALBERT REED HARRIS, Chief, Division of Communications and Records, Department of State, WDC, LGE", NY 121-3462.

It is noted that NY T-1 mentioned in the above described LGE report, is the United States Civil Service Commission, whose identity is now set forth. On 6/23/61, Miss   Secretary, Investigations Section, CSC, NYC, advised that the files of CSC, NYC, contain no information regarding the applicant.

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It is further noted that membership by the applicant in cited

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and documented organizations was set forth in the above described LGE investigation report, which was furnished to CSC.

A review of NYO files concerning the applicant did not reveal any information that the applicant was taken into membership of the Consumers Union of United States, Inc.

Re WFO airtel to NY, 6/23/61, a review of the 4/15/53 issue of the "New York Times" concerning the applicant, did not reveal any pertinent information to this investigation.

INFORMANTS

The several confidential informants used in this report are:



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(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

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DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

New York T-1 mentioned in the report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON at New York, dated October 27, 1948, in the case entitled "REED HARRIS, also known as ALBERT REED HARRIS, Chief, Division of Communications and Records, Department of State, Washington, D. C. Loyalty of Government Employees", is the United States Civil Service Commission.

Several confidential informants who are familiar with the general Communist activity in the New York area, advised in June, 1961 that they knew of no information concerning the applicant.



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Reporting Office <b>BALTIMORE</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>6/28/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/19 - 27/61</b>
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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>VOA (USIA)</b>	

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Title:

REED HARRIS

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA (UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

G-2 files reviewed and pertinent information set forth.  
DMV and MSP, Baltimore, Md., negative re captioned individual.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, United States Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on June 27, 1961. These files reflect that the captioned individual was the subject of a complete background investigation completed on January 2, 1945.

On June 23, 1961, Mrs. [REDACTED] Clerk, Traffic Records Section, Department of Motor Vehicles, Baltimore, Maryland, and Mrs. [REDACTED] Clerk, Identification Division, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Maryland, advised IC [REDACTED] that the files of their respective sections contain no record for the captioned individual.

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The additional pertinent information has been utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conducting this investigation.

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#### AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will report results of investigation of the Passport Office.
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This report does not complete the investigation. You will be furnished with additional information when it is received.

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Synopsis:

Education and employments verified. Neighbors and references comment favorably and would recommend. HARRIS resided from 1934 to 1938, Washington, D. C. HARRIS appeared before the Public Sessions of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Government Operations, 3/3,4,5/53. Information concerning basis of hearings and recommendations of the Committee set out. HARRIS was subject of an investigation conducted by Division of Security, Department of State; basis of results of investigation set out. HARRIS resigned from his position at the Department of State, 4/24/53, because of "some elements of an attack upon my record," while employed as a public servant. No credit or criminal record located concerning HARRIS. HCUA records utilized.

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This case was referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of Public Law 298, 82nd Congress. The applicant was subject of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1948 under provisions of Executive Order 9835. By letter dated June 13, 1949, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) advised that HARRIS had been declared "eligible on loyalty." In 1950 the FBI conducted an applicant-type investigation in reference to HARRIS. By letter dated April 20, 1951, the CSC advised that HARRIS had been declared "eligible on loyalty."

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University

Dr. HOWARD R. PENNIMAN, Professor and Head of the Department of Government, advised SA [redacted] on June 21, 1961, that he knew applicant as having been in seminar courses in 1959 and 1960. He said the University entered into a contract with the American Veterans of World War II, 1710 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., to conduct an adult education program entitled "Education for Public Responsibility." The American Veterans selected ten persons, all members of the American Veterans and prominent people in various professions, active in civic affairs. The seminar, which was set up jointly by Dr. PENNIMAN and the applicant, consisted of three seminars; the first, one week long in the Fall of 1959, the second consisted of two days in January, 1960, and the third consisted of two days in April, 1960. Each participant, the applicant being one of the group, prepared a paper on some aspect of public affairs and discussed same during the first week. He said each received a certificate of completion by Georgetown University by the Dean of the graduate school. He stated no individual student record is maintained by the University. Dr. PENNIMAN stated that besides himself there were nine other persons that lectured to the group and that there was no opportunity for the other nine lecturers to know the other participants to any degree.

Dr. PENNIMAN further stated that he actually knew the applicant since 1948 or 1949 when he was with the State Department and the applicant was employed at Voice of America (VOA). Their acquaintance has been professional only and very limited between 1949 until 1959 when they worked together about one month on the above program.

Dr. PENNIMAN advised that the applicant ran a business called Publication Services, Incorporated, of which he was the president. He said this business was a promotional operation between authors and publishing houses, as well as some government contract work.

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Dr. PENNIMAN said that he has always regarded the applicant as a person of good moral character, associates and reputation and that his loyalty is not questioned from the extent of his acquaintance. He said on the above basis of acquaintance, he would recommend the applicant favorably for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

#### EMPLOYMENT

Publication Services, Incorporated, and Reinforced Learning, Incorporated, 419 New Jersey Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C.

On June 26, 1961, Mr. MORRIS SCHNAPPER, Editor of Public Affairs Press, 419 New Jersey Avenue, S. E., advised that Publication Services, Incorporated, had recently relocated to the Mills Building, Washington, D. C. He said that Mr. REED HARRIS, who was president of this company, was in business at this address for approximately two years and that he knew HARRIS to be the sole owner of this business.

The current Polk's City Directory, Washington, D. C., shows that REED HARRIS, wife, MARTHA T., is President of Publication Services, Incorporated, home address at Crestview, Maryland.

On June 26, 1961, Dr. ROBERT L. THOMPSON, National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised he has known HARRIS for approximately 12 years. He said he first became acquainted with the applicant in 1946 at the United States State Department and later in 1948 to 1949 worked as Mr. HARRIS' deputy in the Publications Division, United States Department of State.

Dr. THOMPSON stated that he is acquainted with the Reinforced Learning, Incorporated, which he described as an "off shoot" of Publication Services, Incorporated. He said Reinforced Learning is a device used in teaching people to reinforce their learning by utilizing a series of recordings of subjects in various fields of endeavor.

Dr. THOMPSON stated that although HARRIS owns stock in this company, one LOUIS ROBBINS, age approximately 40, has the controlling interest and is the "idea" man behind Reinforced

Learning, Incorporated. He said HARRIS works in the capacity of publications and services and receives his payments in the way of royalties. He further said that HARRIS was the primary figure in that he wrote and recorded most of the records.

Dr. THOMPSON stated that HARRIS is President of Publication Services, Incorporated, formerly of 419 New Jersey Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C., and is now located in the Mills Building, 17th and G Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. He said this business is in the publication field which provides services in all publications, that is, writes, edits, promotes, services and prepares manuscripts in the publication field. He said that he, Dr. THOMPSON, was the largest stockholder of this company, but does not actively participate in its management. He stated that the business was moved to the new location because of the curtailed business and that HARRIS' present assistant will manage it if HARRIS becomes active in the United States Government.

Dr. THOMPSON stated that HARRIS' honesty, integrity and standards are so high it is hardly suitable to survive in the business world because its so competitive. He said he does not want this interpreted to mean that HARRIS was a poor manager or a failure in private business but only as a "yardstick" in measuring degrees of success. Dr. THOMPSON stated that HARRIS' character, associates, reputation and loyalty are above reproach and that he has warm admiration for him as a human being. He said HARRIS' thinking may be a little more "liberal" than the average human being but went on to say not to interpret this to mean "radical" but means humanitarianism, and in the sense of pertaining to the welfare of human society.

Dr. THOMPSON said HARRIS' qualifications for a high-level position with the United States Government in the international information field are excellent. He said he bases his opinion in regards to this on the applicant's past experience and him being of "good mind" and a good "public servant." He said he would recommend HARRIS to serve in the United States Government to the highest quality.

Department of State

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[redacted] on June 21, 22, 26/61:

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Miss [ ] Clerk-Typist, Office of Personnel Location, Office of Personnel, Department of State, furnished SA [ ] on June 21, 1961, with the applicant's service record card which showed the applicant was born November 5, 1909, New York, New York. It further showed that from September 21, 1950, to April 24, 1953, when HARRIS resigned, he was employed by the State Department as Deputy General Manager and Deputy Administrator in the United States International Information Administration.

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On June 26, 1961, SA [ ] reviewed the applicant's security file as maintained by the United States Information Agency (USIA). This file contained no additional pertinent information.

On June 26, 1961, [ ] Clerk, Personnel Files Section, USIA, advised that there is no record of applicant and that he has not as yet entered on duty.

On June 22, 1961, JAMES W. SWIHART, Officer in Charge of United Kingdom Affairs, Department of State, advised SA [ ] that he continued to know HARRIS since the previous investigation, although they did not work in the same office from 1950 to 1953. He said that he has seen HARRIS only infrequently since applicant left the State Department. He further said that HARRIS was a very competent officer, with a good reputation and that there was never reason to question his character, associates or loyalty.

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On June 22, 1961, JAMES W. SHERIDAN, Procedure and Review Staff, Department of State, advised SA [ ] that he has continued to know HARRIS since previous investigation, but did not work closely with him in the period 1950 to 1953. He said that he has seen the applicant intermittently since the applicant left the State Department. He further advised that he had no reason to question the applicant's character, associates, reputation or loyalty and that he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On June 22, 1961, RICHARD WHEELER, Office of International Conferences, Department of State, advised SA [ ] that he worked in an office nearby to HARRIS during 1950 to 1953, but did not work directly with him. He said that he knows the



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applicant primarily from limited social contact. He said from his limited knowledge of the applicant he had no reason to question his character, associates, reputation or loyalty.

On June 22, 1961, ALFRED PUHAN, Executive Director, Bureau of European Affairs, advised SA [ ] that he worked with the applicant from 1949 to 1953, although he was in New York and the applicant was in Washington, D. C., with what is now USIA. He said that they met frequently at conferences in Washington, D. C., and New York and that he considered HARRIS a very able person of good character, associates, reputation and loyalty. Mr. PUHAN said that he would recommend HARRIS to a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On June 21, 1961, Miss [ ] Clerk-Typist, advised SA [ ] that WALTER H. ANDERSON, former Chief of the Records Branch, Division of Communication and Records, Department of State, and LAWRENCE S. MORRIS, former Chief, Division of Libraries and Institutes, Department of State, previously interviewed concerning the applicant in FBI investigation in 1950 and at that time furnished favorable information concerning the applicant, are no longer employed at the Department of State, Washington, D. C., and were unavailable for interview.

On June 29, 1961, Miss MARGARET STANLEY, Vice President, Publication Services, Inc., advised that HARRIS is President of Publication Services, Inc., and Reinforced Learning, Inc. She said a Mr. LEWIS ROBINS, 18 East 48th Street, New York, New York, is Vice President of Reinforced Learning, Inc., and that each company is separate and incorporated. Miss STANLEY advised that these companies were located at 419 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D. C., until June 20, 1961, at which time they moved to their present location, the Mills Building, 17th and G Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Miss STANLEY advised she has been associated with HARRIS since 1953-1954, but knew him prior to this as she was a Secretary in his office in 1946-1947 when he was Chief of Communications and Records, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

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Miss STANLEY advised that HARRIS is one of the finest citizens she knows; also one of the most considerate in regards to human beings that she has ever known. She added that he had a very strong feeling for human rights, dignity of the individual, and very sensitive to the individual's needs. She went on to say that he is conscious of responsibility being contributed as a citizen, that is, actively working to contribute in the way of community affairs and that he is of creative intelligence, and applies it in constructive ways in all phases of his life. She continued by saying his family is also known to her and they are wonderful people. She said he has a great deal of admiration toward them and helps them also to achieve a high degree of human responsibility. She advised that applicant's character, reputation, associates and loyalty are above reproach.

Miss STANLEY advised that it is her understanding that HARRIS upon receipt of government employment would dissolve his interest in Publication Services, Inc., and Reinforced Learning, Inc., and devote full time to his new responsibilities. She said that HARRIS is the type of man one does not work for, you work with.

Miss STANLEY advised that LEWIS ROBINS, 18 East 48th Street, New York, New York, Vice President of Reinforced Learning, Incorporated is currently in Europe and is not scheduled to return to New York until July 21, 1961.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

4905 Berkley Street  
Crestview, Maryland

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
JOHN D. McKINNEY on June 23 and 24, 1961:

Mrs. [REDACTED], a six-year resident, stated she is acquainted with the HARRIS family at 4905 Berkley Street, but does not know them too well. She stated the HARRISES consisted of the parents and three children; two boys and a girl. She said they live quietly, are good neighbors and that she knows nothing about them which would be considered unfavorable. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she considers Mr. HARRIS to be a fine gentleman of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty and she knows of no reason why she would not recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised the HARRIS family has lived as neighbors to them for the past fifteen years and are fine people who live quietly and who has excellent character, reputation and associates. She said she considered Mr. HARRIS to be a loyal citizen and that she would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. She advised that they have three children,

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years old. She said that Mrs. HARRIS is a housewife and that the HARRIS family is well behaved and she has heard nothing concerning them that would be considered derogatory. She said that she is not acquainted with friends or associates of the applicant.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she has known the HARRIS family as neighbors for the past eleven

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years and knows nothing derogatory concerning any of them. She advised the family consists of the parents and three children. These are two boys and a girl. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the HARRIS family takes an interest in the neighborhood and that Mrs. HARRIS canvasses for the Red Cross and other charitable causes. She further stated the HARRIS family has excellent character, reputation, associates, loyalty and that she recommends Mr. HARRIS for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

4120 14th Street, Northwest

HARRIS was investigated by the FBI in 1948 at which time the neighborhood investigation at the above address showed that one Mr. ARNOLD FRIDAY, 4120 14th Street, Northwest, a janitor for the premises at this address, advised that HARRIS had been a resident at that address for several years some time ago. Mrs. ARNOLD FRIDAY advised at that time that during the residence of HARRIS and his wife she had been employed as a maid by Mrs. HARRIS.

Mrs. ROBERT B. WILLHIDE, 4120 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., in the previously-mentioned investigation advised that she recalled HARRIS as a resident at this address some years ago. Mrs. WILLHIDE indicated, however, that it was her recollection that Mr. HARRIS was not inclined to mix with the people residing at this address and that it has been some years since he has resided in this neighborhood.

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The Polks Washington City Directory for the year 1935, District of Columbia Directory, shows one ~~REED~~ HARRIS, wife MARTHA, occupation editor, residing at 4120 14th Street, Northwest, ~~Apartment 6~~.

The 1936 Polks City Directory, District of Columbia, shows one REED HARRIS, wife MARTHA, occupation editor, Works

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Projects Administration (WPA), residing at 4120 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., Apartment 6.

The 1937 and 1938 Polks City Directory, District of Columbia, shows one REED HARRIS, wife MARTHA, occupation as Assistant Director, WPA and Assistant Director-Executive Editor, WPA, respectively, residing at 4120 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., Apartment 6.

The 1939 Polks City Directory, District of Columbia, shows no listing for one REED HARRIS, wife MARTHA, however, the 1960 Polks City Directory, District of Columbia, shows REED HARRIS, wife MARTHA, as President, Publication Services, Inc., residing at Crestview, Maryland.

#### REFERENCES

Reverend CLIFFORD R. RICHMOND, Minister, Chevy Chase Methodist Church, who resides at 3810 Taylor Street, advised SA JOHN D. MCKINNEY on June 23, 1961, that he has known the REED HARRIS family as members of his congregation since he, Reverend RICHMOND, first came to this church six years ago. He advised that the HARRIS family consists of the parents and three children, namely, [REDACTED]

He said that both Mr. and Mrs. HARRIS are active in the church's work. He further stated that he knows nothing derogatory concerning the HARRIS family and added that REED HARRIS is of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty. Reverend RICHMOND advised that he does not know the HARRISES socially, but that he would recommend Mr. HARRIS for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

On June 22, 1961, FOY D. KOHLER, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, advised SA [REDACTED] that he was applicant's supervisor during the period 1949-1953 with what is now the United States Information Agency, but was then part of the State Department. He said that he has

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seen HARRIS from time to time since his, HARRIS's resignation. Mr. KOHLER advised that HARRIS is a man of integrity and quiet courage and is of the highest character, reputation, and loyalty. He said he would recommend HARRIS most highly for any position of trust.

REED HARRIS was an associate and former supervisor of FOY DAVID KOHLER, who was investigated by the FBI in 1953 under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. On November 6, 1953, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) advised that the disposition concerning KOHLER was "retained."

Dr. ROBERT L. THOMPSON, National Education Association, Washington, D. C., who resides at 7500 Summit Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, listed as a reference of the applicant, was interviewed and his comments concerning HARRIS are set out in instant report under Employment.

On June 24, 1961, the report of the Committee on Government Operations, Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation, titled "Voice of America" dated February 3, 1954, Report Number 928, regarding the public hearings of March 4, and 5, 1953, reflects that REED HARRIS, the Deputy Administrator of the International Information Administration was questioned concerning his personal background, material to be used for programs to be disseminated throughout the world of American ideals and objectives and other methods to expose Communist propaganda through its broadcast. Mr. HARRIS was the second in charge of the entire information program and at times, its acting head. Instead of a background of anti-Communism in this country, the testimony before the subcommittee indicated that HARRIS, while at Columbia University, had written blatantly pro-Communist material, some of which was reprinted in the "Daily Worker."

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

Testimony of instant hearings by REED HARRIS discloses that he was suspended from Columbia University.

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In regards to this suspension, HARRIS was reported to be a staunch defender and supporter of one DONALD HENDERSON, suspended from the faculty of Columbia University. Mr. HENDERSON, when called before the subcommittee to answer charges, refused to answer questions put to him on the grounds that they tended to incriminate him.

The hearings further reflected that HARRIS conceded that in the years (1932-1934) he was not opposed "to the broad principles of Marxism," although he opposed it from then on. The record indicates, however, that a number of years after this period HARRIS turned up as a sponsor for the activity of the American Students Union and at a later date HARRIS appears as a member of the League of American Writers.

American Student Union has been cited by the HCUA in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications revised and published as of January 2, 1957.

#### AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

1. Cited as a Communist front which was "the result of a united front gathering of young Socialists and Communists" in Columbus, Ohio, in 1935. The Young Communist League took credit for the creation of the organization which offered free trips to the Soviet Union. It claimed to have led as many as 500,000 students out in annual April 22 strikes in the United States.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report, N. R. 2,

January 3, 1939, p. 80; also cited in Annual Reports, H. R. 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 9, H. R. 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 16; and in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 159.)

2. Cited as subversive and un-American.  
(Special Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, Report, April 21, 1943, p. 3.)

The League of American Writers has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

On the question of HARRIS's conduct of the Information Administration in the last two or three years prior to the hearings, he, HARRIS, assured the subcommittee that while the Hebrew language broadcasts were ordered stopped at the crucial time the Soviets were playing up anti-Semitism, his office nevertheless ordered the anti-Semitic program of the Soviets played up on the other language desks. Testimony to this effect by HARRIS was subsequently branded as false by General ALEXANDER BARMINE.

ALEXANDER BARMINE during this period of questioning was head of the Russian Division Desk, Voice of America, New York, New York.

The International Broadcasting Service, known as the Voice of America, produces radio programs of broadcasts throughout the world in English and foreign languages. The committee conducted investigations into the efficiency and economy of the operation of the program, particularly from the point of view of policy, personnel and program content.

1. It was the findings of the committee that the information program does have within



it a number of anti-Communists who have a thorough understanding of the purposes of the program of the VOA and in spite of obstacles placed in their way by inefficient superiors that perform their part in the program toward a scholarly and effective anti-Communist result.

2. The basic idea of the program to disseminate abroad information concerning the United States, its policies and its people has not been carried out; neither has the obligation to promote a mutual understanding between ourselves and foreign countries been fulfilled, although it is obvious that effective use of this program would be a major force in combating Communist propaganda against the free world. The type of execution required for maximum attainment and in the best American interests has been prevented by the inefficient operation of the information program.
3. Incompetence in the Policy and Plans Division which is charged with the responsibility of outlining policy for the entire information program and top policy experts were totally unfit to execute their assignments; their operations have clearly indicated lack of direction and ineffectiveness. A number of personnel throughout the VOA were not dedicated to the American way of life and could not effectively explain it to others and various other personnel who were unqualified to execute their particular assignments. This resulted in inadequate security policies in anti-American content in various scripts and the failure to inaugurate successfully many potentially effective activities.

It was the conclusion and recommendation that the subcommittee extend cooperation to the Administrator

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of the International Information Program in corrective action in regard to the subcommittee's findings.

On June 23, 1961, the report of hearings before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate, dated March 3, 1953, disclosed that the committee was conducting hearings concerning the gross mis-management in VOA. It was the opinion of the majority of the staff and a number of the Senators that this mis-management was not merely the result of incompetence or stupidity, but the mis-management had been deliberate. The purpose of the hearings was to find the individuals responsible and the committee proceeded to delve into the background of individuals of VOA.

The VOA was one phase of the investigation dealing with the Technical Operations. The VOA was one with the responsibility to obtain broadcasting facilities for the agency either by construction or otherwise.

The committee summarized that while there was considerable evidence of Communist infiltration of the departments handling the program broadcasts, their primary dealings were with marshalling the evidence of waste, mis-management and mis-location of key broadcasting stations which made them useless to the extent that one very competent radio engineer referred to the mis-locations as "sabotage".

It was the findings of the committee that poor planning, reckless disregard for taxpayers money, incompetence, stupidity or worse was the rule and not the exception in the operation of the VOA, Technical Operations Division.

The recommendations were to have the VOA, Technical Operations Division reviewed in order to correct and avoid repetitious mistakes and to provide minimum requirements for technical competence in key engineering posts.

It was also recommended that careless handling of public funds portrayed in this investigation require

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closer scrutiny of future requests for funds for VOA engineering projects.

REED HARRIS by letter dated April 3, 1953, Washington, D. C., to the late Senator JOSEPH R. McCARTHY related to matters discussed during the hearings of March 3, 4 and 5, 1953, which he appeared as a witness. The letter is included in the record of the hearings published as part of the printed record proving his actions and deeds while in his official capacity of Deputy Administrator of the International Information Administration. The letter also included letters as exhibits from prominent individuals proving his actions and commending him concerning his character, reputation, associates and loyalty.

On June 27, 1961, a search of the files of the Office of Security, Department of State, showed an investigation conducted on HARRIS upon receiving information February 3, 1953, to the effect that he, HARRIS, was responsible for issuing instructions which held up payroll and operating expenses to VOA stations in Manila and Turkey.

Details of this investigation reflected that budget personnel of the International Information Administration advised that they had no information regarding funds withheld from Manila or Turkey and that that was the responsibility of the International Broadcasting Service, New York City, New York, to request allotments of funds to pay expenses.

The Assistant Budget Officer, Office of Management, International Information Administration, who was alleged to have received an order from HARRIS to hold up funds, denied receipt of any such order.

HARRIS advised in connection with this investigation that he had no recollection of giving such order or other orders of this nature which could have been misunderstood. HARRIS further advised that the order discontinuing Hebrew

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broadcasts to Israel was signed by himself in the absence of the Administrator of the International Information Administration and that this action was taken as the result of an appropriations cut by Congress. He also advised that this was a program which the International Broadcasting Service in New York stated could be discontinued with the least effect on overall broadcasting activities.

The file further showed that on April 30, 1953, the Chief Investigations Division, CSC, was advised by the Director, Office of Security, to the effect that HARRIS was the subject of an investigation under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 and that he, HARRIS, resigned from his position with the Department of State on April 24, 1953. The CSC was advised that HARRIS was under active investigation by the Office of Security at this time.

The file in addition, reflected a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. ROBERT L. JOHNSON, new Administrator of United States International Information Administration, Washington, D. C., dated April 13, 1953, advising that he was resigning his position to return to private business. He advised that he stayed on with the International Information Administration at the time he was testifying before the Senate Committee on Government Operations, in an investigation which had "some elements of an attack upon my record," and under those circumstances felt he should defer his resignation until he had an opportunity as a public official to prepare and submit to the committee a "clear cut" affirmative statement regarding testimony of others, as well as himself re-affirming his loyalty and record of accomplishment during his years in government service. He requested that his resignation become effective April 24, 1953.

The file contained no additional pertinent information concerning the eligibility of HARRIS for government employment.

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### CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

The files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, on June 20, 1961, were caused to be searched by IC [ ] and were found to contain no record for applicant or his wife, MARTHA, (TELLIER).

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The files of the Metropolitan Police Department, on June 20, 1961, were reviewed by SE [ ] and were found to contain no record for the applicant or his wife, previously listed; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

The files of the Prince Georges County, Maryland, Police Department, on June 21, 1961, were caused to be searched by IC [ ] and were found to contain no record for the applicant or his wife, previously listed.

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The files of the United States Park Police, on June 20, 1961, were caused to be searched by IC [ ] and were found to contain no record for the applicant or his wife, previously listed.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on June 22, 1961, by IC [ ] which showed that REED HARRIS was a witness in public hearings, "State Department Information Program - Voice of America, Part 5," March 3, 1953, and hearings before the Subcommittee on Investigation, Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate, March 3, 1953. At this time REED HARRIS was shown as Deputy Administrator, United States International Information Administration.

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The files further showed that REED HARRIS was the subject of an "Evening Star" article dated March 3, 1953.

On June 26, 1961, a review was made of the March 3, 1953 edition of the "Evening Star" a Washington daily newspaper. The article appearing on Page 1, column 2 and page 4 was entitled "Voice" Aid Lashes MC CARTHY as Unfair at Stormy Session, probe witness objects to innuendos in quizz on 1932

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student days." The article showed that the recalcitrant witness before the Senate Subcommittee Investigations, Voice of America, accused the late Senator JOSEPH R. MC CARTHY as being unfair and that he resented the "tone" of the inquiry. He said he resented the Senate Subcommittee investigation of the "Voice" Program because of thousands of others working for the government who had received clearance as Mr. HARRIS said he had received. The article pointed out that HARRIS was ousted as editor of Columbia University's "Spectator," suspended, and later left as a result of differences over editorial content.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 22, 1961, further showed REED HARRIS resigned April 14, 1953, as Deputy Director of the State Department International Information Administration asserting that an investigation of the Voice of America by the Senate Committee on Government Operations "had some elements of an attack on my record."

The files further showed that HARRIS submitted a letter to the late Senator MC CARTHY in answer to charges made against him by the Senate Committee on Government Operations and requested that his letter be made part of the permanent files of the Committee on Un-American Activities. This letter carried the date of April 3, 1953, Washington, D. C.

It is to be noted that HARRIS was an associate of WILLIAM B. CONNORS, Office of Policy and Plans, United States Department of State (USDS), who was investigated by the FBI in 1953 under provisions of Executive Order 10450. The FBI investigation was conducted upon information received from the Chief Counsel of Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation of Committee on Government Operations to the effect that on February 3, 1953, an order was issued to the Voice of America on a world-wide basis to use writings of an alleged pro-communist writer. According to the Chief Counsel, CONNORS was responsible for this order. By letter dated August 24, 1956, Civil Service Commission advised the disposition concerning this investigation was a "favorable determination."

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[REDACTED] is also noted that HARRIS was an associate of ALLEN MAC NAUGHTON GORDON LITTLE, Training Officer, Foreign Service Institute, USDS, Washington, D. C., who was investigated by [REDACTED] in 1954 under provisions of Executive Order 10450 upon information furnished to Civil Service Commission to the effect that LITTLE, while assigned to the United States Embassy in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, from May, 1946, to January, 1948, was not too discreet at times, and that he, LITTLE, had also listed two individuals as references on an application dated June 10, 1946, (Civil Service Commission), who reportedly had some pro-communist affiliations. By letter dated May 3, 1955, the Civil Service Commission advised LITTLE was given a "favorable determination."

It is to be noted that the titles given WILLIAM B. CONNERS and ALLEN MAC NAUGHTON GORDON LITTLE were their official titles at the time of the FBI investigation concerning these individuals.

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Synopsis:

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Field Office File No.: 123-734

Bureau File No.:

Title: REED HARRIS

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA (UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

## Synopsis:

MALCOLM M. PARRISH, Cambridge, New York, former acquaintance of applicant furnished no specific derogatory information.

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DETAILS

## AT CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK:

On June 29, 1961, Mr. MALCOLM M. PARRISH, 21 Broad St., advised that he is still the President of the Cambridge Valley National Bank but stated that he has been retired from active participation at the bank for the past five years.

Mr. PARRISH stated that he has known the applicant all the applicant's life and that he has known the applicant's mother and sister for approximately fifty years. Mr. PARRISH stated that the applicant's mother still resides in Cambridge, New York, and he stated that she enjoyed a good reputation in the community. He advised also that he has not seen nor had any contact with the applicant for at least twenty and possibly twenty-five years.

Mr. PARRISH advised that he recalled that the applicant while a student at Columbia University was editor or an editorial

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writer of the Columbia University student newspaper, "The Spectator." PARRISH advised that the applicant was "taken quite severely to task for some of the radical ideas he expressed in this paper." PARRISH stated that he never saw any of these articles and advised that he frankly had never heard the applicant express any radical ideas or tendencies during the time the applicant resided in Cambridge, New York, prior to his college days. PARRISH advised that while a student at Columbia University the applicant also wrote a book, which to the best of his recollection "exposed the frivolous goings on in various colleges in the United States." PARRISH stated he never read the book but he recalled the applicant in particular picked on the University of Cornell which was a touchy subject at his household because his wife attended Cornell University. PARRISH stated that he did not think that this book was radical in the political sense of the word and he admitted that he had not read the book and based his comments strictly on rumors, that he had heard in the community years ago.

PARRISH advised that from his observations of the applicant during his high school and college years he would describe the applicant as an "aginer." PARRISH elaborated on this remark by stating that the applicant was "always against things." He stated that the applicant considered himself an intellectual and felt that he was a little better than the other high school students his own age in Cambridge, New York. PARRISH repeatedly stated that he never heard the applicant ever express any radical ideas and he advised that all information in his possession pertaining to the applicant's alleged non-conformist writings while he was a student in college were based entirely on rumors. He stated that, therefore, he would not be willing to furnish this information in the form of a signed statement and advised that he would not testify to this information because he had no firsthand knowledge.

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PARRISH stated that he would not recommend the applicant for any position of trust solely on the grounds that he had heard too many rumors about the applicant and felt that he would not trust the applicant until he ascertained a great deal more about the applicant's behavior subsequent to the time he left the Cambridge, N.Y. area.

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From: Director, FBI

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Applicant born 11/5/09, at NYC. He was employed as follows:

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5/44 - 11/45, U. S. Army;  
12/45 - 8/50, Dept. of State, (Office Deptl.  
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8/50 - 4/53, Dept. of State, Intl. (Info. Admin  
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Title: REED HARRIS

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA  
(U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis: No additional pertinent information at G-2, the Pentagon, information previously reported. Passport record set out. No record at OSI.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On June 29, 1961, IC  reviewed the G-2 file number 000.240, 1st Army, Intelligence Records Section, Assistant Chief Staff Intelligence, Department of the Army, Pentagon.

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The file showed information dated March 5, 1953, from Headquarters, 1st Army, Office of the Assistant Chief Staff, G-2, Governors Island, New York, New York, under the heading of "Activities of Congressional Investigating Committees", that on "February 28, 1953, the Senate Investigating Subcommittee, under the leadership of Senator McCARTHY, disclosed testimony to the effect that REED HARRIS, acting administrator of the International Information Administration of the Voice of America, was responsible for the suspension of Hebrew Language broadcasts at a time during the recent anti-Semitic revelations in Russia, when they would have been most effective. Mr. HARRIS who had been expelled from Columbia University in 1932 for various radical activities, testified on March 3, 1953, that he repudiated the conduct of his youth and said that he had been cleared of any communist suspicions in numerous previous investigations".

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There was no additional pertinent information reflected in the record.

On June 29, 1961, IC [ ] reviewed REED HARRIS' passport record at the Passport Office, Department of State, which showed his birth as November 5, 1909, at New York, New York. A copy of his birth certificate was in the file.

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Passport Number 3148 was issued to HARRIS on February 24, 1948, to visit Germany and Austria via England and France, for an indefinite stay of official State Department business. This passport was amended September 29, 1948, to show his status as a Diplomatic Courier. This passport was validated to December 31, 1951, on October 22, 1951, for travel to the "British Isles, Ireland, and the Continent of Europe".

There was no additional pertinent information reflected in the file.

On June 27, 1961, the files of the Department of State, Security Office, showed that on June 8, 1953, HARRIS' Diplomatic Passport Number 3148, issued to him on February 24, 1948, was surrendered to the Passport Division, Department of State.

IC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, and was advised on June 29, 1961, that the files contained no record of the applicant.



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REED HARRIS

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA  
(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

January, 1939 - July, 1944, HARRIS employed at National Emergency Council, Office of Government Reports, and Office of War Information; December, 1945 - April, 1953, Department of State.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On July 17, 1961, Mr. [REDACTED], Personnel Services Branch, United States Information Agency (USIA), 1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., made available the applicant's official personnel file for employment which showed he entered on duty January 30, 1939, as Administrative Officer, National Emergency Council, Office of Government Reports and Office of War Information until July 17, 1944. On July 17, 1944, the file reflected HARRIS was given an indefinite military furlough due to his entrance into active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

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On December 3, 1945, he entered on duty in the Management Planning Office, Management Branch, Management Planning Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C. He terminated this period of employment on April 24, 1953, as Deputy Administrator, International Information Administration, Office of the Administration, Department of State, Washington, D. C., in order to return to private industry.

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Performance ratings in regard to HARRIS were favorable and other than information to the effect HARRIS is being considered to be a Special Assistant to EDWARD R. MURROW, there was no additional pertinent information reflected in the file.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-18-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REED HARRIS

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The July 16, 1961, issue of "The New York Times" carried an article entitled "McCarthy Target Is Appointed As Murrow's Top Assistant." According to this article, Harris, one of the late Senator McCarthy's earliest targets, is returning to the Government service as Executive Assistant to Edward R. Murrow, U. S. Information Agency (USIA) Director. When he left the Government eight years ago he was Deputy Director of the International Information Administration, predecessor to USIA. Since that time he has headed a private publishing company in Washington, Publications Services, Inc. The article continues to discuss Harris' appearance before the McCarthy Committee and pointed out that Harris supported the employment of communists as teachers in the interest of academic freedom, a view which he has long since repudiated. He was expelled from Columbia University but reinstated 20 days later after a student strike and protest. The article notes that Murrow was also a vigorous critic of Senator McCarthy's investigative tactics. According to the article he joined the State Department in 1945 after a career that had included jobs as a printer, reporter, editor and advertising manager of publications for the old Works Progress Administration and planning chief of the Office of War Information. Mr. Tolson has asked what our files show regarding Harris. There is no indication we have had a request from the Administration for an investigation of Harris.\*

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Briefly, a summary dated 2-24-53 reveals that Harris was born 11-5-09 in New York City. He was investigated under the Loyalty Program in 1948 and in 1949 was declared "eligible on loyalty" by the Loyalty Review Board. He was investigated under the Voice of America Program in 1950 and the Loyalty Review Board in 1951 declared him "eligible on loyalty."

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Harris was expelled from Columbia University in 1932 because of articles appearing in a school magazine the "Spectator," which was critical of certain practices at the school. In 1932, Vanguard Press published a book by Harris entitled "King Football." Vanguard Press has been cited as a "communist enterprise" by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). In 1933 he collaborated with Tom Davin, who was registered as a communist in 1936, on a book "History of American Humor." In 1935 he worked with Martha Gellhorn, who

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\*Additional investigation conducted as a result of CSC referral. Results sent to CSC on 7/3, 19/61.

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Re: REED HARRIS

was connected with the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign which has been cited as a communist front, on a book entitled "Concerning Government Benefits," published by Vanguard Press. In 1938 Harris was a member of the advisory board of "Direction" which has been cited as communist initiated and controlled. One Reed Harris was a candidate for the board of directors of Consumers Union. This organization was at one time cited as a communist front. In 1942 his name reportedly appeared on the mailing list of League for Mutual Aid which has been cited as a communist enterprise. Harris admitted to the Civil Service Commission on 8-23-42 that he had been a member of the League of American Writers, cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450, for about three months in 1937 or 1938.

Harris was described by the Dean of Student Activity at Columbia University as a supreme egotist but a loyal American who was not connected with any "radical" groups at the school and although certain "radical" groups had attempted to get behind Harris due to his critical articles about the school Harris had refused to become associated with them. Other individuals considered Harris to be a loyal American and a "deep hater of communism." (121-10315-26)

In February and March, 1953, Harris testified before the McCarthy Committee inquiring into the Voice of America. According to a report of the Committee testimony Harris had written blatantly procommunist material, some of which had been reprinted in the "Daily Worker." As an example, in one of his writings he had referred to a man as someone "I remember as a sadistic butcher who is now probably the commander of some American Legion post." Harris resigned his position with the International Information Administration on 4-24-53 and wrote the Director a cordial letter 5-11-53 going on record that it was always his desire to cooperate with the FBI and that he would be glad at any time to talk with representatives of the Bureau concerning anyone with whom he had had contact during his adult life. It was his opinion that communists could be found out and fought much better through the careful procedures of the FBI than the reckless airing of dubious committees of the Senate and House. The Director briefly acknowledged the letter on 5-18-53.

Harris wrote a very complimentary letter to Fred J. Baumgardner of the Domestic Intelligence Division on 3-15-61 relative to Baumgardner's talk before the National War College the previous day. He wrote very favorably regarding the FBI and the Director cordially replied to his letter by date of 3-20-61.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

# End of a Nightmare



NIGHTMARES fade slowly, but they do fade. Thus it is that most of us have already begun to forget the incredible disgrace of McCarthyism that swept the nation like an explosive malignancy less than a decade ago.

Courage was in short supply in Washington in those days, and few men found it in their hearts to stand fast in the face of the fulminating hysteria that rent our society.

But one who did was Reed Harris, at that time deputy administrator of the International Information Administration. He was summoned to the rack by Sen. McCarthy, as so many others were. Mr. Harris was not a man blessed with financial independence; few career Government officials are. But he was a man of decency and integrity, and he stood firm against a typically brutal assault by the late senator.

Even the White House had no stomach for the sort of Indian Charlie brawling in which McCarthy excelled, and inevitably Reed Harris was cast out of Government service.

As a student editor of the Spectator at Columbia University in the dismal early 30s, he had tilted with numerous windmills that badly needed it.

He was a campus radical, in the best sense of the word, in a day when a kid who wasn't a campus radical had something wrong with his head or lacked guts.

He was deficient in neither category, and, of course, he got into trouble with university authorities. He railed at professionalism in college football (at that time a national scandal) and he did such dangerous things as scolding a radio talk by a Republican National Committeeman which besought college students to support the GOP in forthcoming elections. Later he wrote a book called "King Football"

in which he continued his campaign against the paid "amateurs" of the college gridiron.

Ultimately he was ordered expelled from Columbia, but to the credit of that great old school the order was later rescinded.

A score years later, Joe McCarthy saw dark portents in the record of Mr. Harris, and he shamelessly pilloried him to further his vendetta against the State Department, and particularly the information service of the State Department. Mr. Harris' ordeal was a typical McCarthy inquisition, but his response to it was in no wise typical. He accused the senator of "trying to wring my public neck," and of drawing unwarranted "innuendos" from his replies to questions.

He pointed out that in 17 years of Federal service he had passed "six or seven" loyalty investigations, including two full-dress studies by the FBI.

Reed Harris resigned, but he took with him the respect of a lot of people who should have fought for him but lacked the courage.

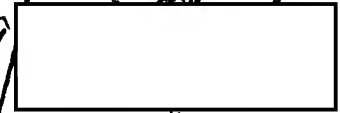
"If I were you," his superior wrote in accepting his resignation, "I would be a proud man today."

Happy endings are rare in stories of this dismal genre, but I am happy to report that there is one in the instant case. Yesterday Reed Harris took over as executive assistant to Edward R. Murrow, the director of the U. S. Information Agency, ending his eight years of exile from Government, and putting a final capstone on his vindication.

It is a good appointment, even apart from the elements of human decency involved. Mr. Harris is able and experienced in the complex field of Government information and, as we have seen, he is a man of rare courage. It is an appointment in which Mr. Murrow and the Administration can take pride.

By Richard Starnes

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# McCarthy Target Is Appointed As Murrow's Top Assistant

**Reed Harris, Who Quit in '53  
After Clash Seen on TV,  
Returns to U. S. Service**

By JOHN D. MORRIS

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 15—Reed Harris, one of the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's earliest targets, is returning to Government service as a high official in the United States Information Agency.

Mr. Harris, who resigned a comparable job in 1953 after clashing with the Wisconsin Republican in a nationally televised Senate hearing, will start work Monday as executive assistant to Edward R. Murrow, U. S. I. A. director. The post pays \$15,030 a year.

Mr. Murrow, who made the appointment, was out of town and unavailable for comment today. A spokesman for the agency said Mr. Harris would be the director's "right-hand man."

One former colleague in the information agency reported that Mr. Harris was widely regarded there as "a wonderful guy" and that "a lot of people in the organization are tremendously happy he's coming back."

When he left the Government eight years ago, Mr. Harris, a Civil Service career man, was deputy director of the International Information Administration, predecessor to the United



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Reed Harris

States Information Agency. The organization, now an independent agency, was then part of the State Department.

Since his resignation, Mr. Harris has headed a private publishing company here, Publications Services, Inc.

The International Information Administration and its Voice of America were among the first organizations to come under fire from Senator McCarthy, then chairman of the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Mr. Harris, on the stand for

three days in March, 1953, engaged in a series of sharp exchanges with Mr. McCarthy. He accused the Senator of making "innuendoes" and "aspersions" from his testimony in an attempt "to wring my public neck."

The hearings centered largely on Mr. Harris' writings as a student at Columbia College, where he was editor of the undergraduate daily, The Columbia Spectator, and as the author shortly after graduation of a book entitled "King Football."

In his writings, Mr. Harris supported the employment of Communists as teachers in the interest of academic freedom—a view that he has long since repudiated. He was expelled from Columbia but reinstated twenty days later after a student strike in protest. His book was an "expose" of commercialism in college football.

During one of the hearings, held up and waved a copy of "King Football" as if it were evidence of subversive activity by the author.

Mr. Harris resigned from the Government a month later with the explanation that he had long planned to return to private business. To friends, he indicated that his decision had been prompted by a feeling that the climate in the State Department during the McCarthy era was not favorable to his continued service.

## Vigorous Critic of Senator

The chief in the new post, Mr. Murrow, was also a vigorous critic of Senator McCarthy's investigative tactics. As a radio and television reporter, he conducted a telecast in 1954 that was one of the first public attacks on the Senator by a major figure on the American scene.

Mr. Harris, now 51 years old, was born in New York. He joined the State Department in 1945 after a career that had included jobs as a printer, reporter, editor and advertising manager, editor of publications for the old Works Progress Administration and planning chief

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He lives in Chevy Chase, Md., a suburb of Washington, with his wife, the former Martha Tellier of Cambridge, N. Y., and three children. Bob, 20, is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania. Ann, 14, is a sophomore at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Don, 8, attends Westbrook Elementary School.

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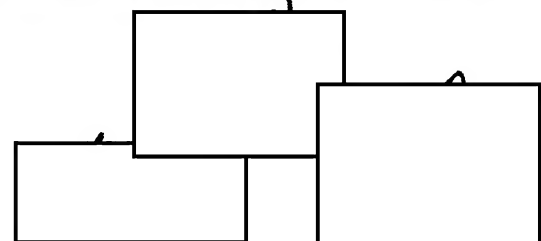
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# The Man Who Came Back



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## A Victim Talk back

In a session televised to the nation a week later, Harris and McCarthy once more met across the table. The Senator waved a copy of a book attacking professionalism in college football that Harris wrote soon after he left Columbia. He tried to portray it as evidence that Harris, the director of the Voice of America, was un-American.

Harris looked at the Senator coolly. Then he uttered the words that startled the nation and, at least briefly, became famous:

"Senator," he said, "it is my public neck which you are skillfully trying to wring."

Foes of McCarthy were overjoyed with Harris. He was the first target who had fought back vigorously. He had spoken the words many others would have liked to have said but did not dare. Mail reached him by the bagful, phone calls by the thousands. Almost all applauded him.

But with the Wisconsin Senator riding high, Harris' usefulness to the government was over. His colleagues at the agency knew they had lost a good man. But Dulles took his resignation without a word.

After the McCarthy episode, Reed Harris retired to obscurity. With some friends, he set up a business that combined his skills in broadcasting, writing and organization. His firm served as an adjunct to the information and publicity offices of public service and government agencies. It was a good living.

Socially, Harris enjoyed prominence for a while. He was called on to speak and was invited to lunch

cons at exclusive clubs. Admirers of his courage seemed to think that some of his heroism might rub off on them.

McCarthy did not pursue him. Harris had served his purpose and was allowed to retire. Before long, his life resumed its normal pace. He took his place as an average citizen in suburban Washington. He found new satisfaction in his family and in his old friends.

The Reed Harris known to neighbors and friends in no sense bore the physical demeanor of a hero. He is a mild-looking man who speaks softly and wears rimless glasses. He is tall and gray-haired and a bit paunchy in the middle. It would not be unfair

to say he looks like an average civil servant. But to Harris, this is no innuendo. He is proud of his work in government, of being a civil servant. He admits that during his long years in private business, successful though his company was, he yearned to get back into government.

He thinks back often, he says, to the McCarthy era. He expresses no bitterness that few joined him in talking back to the Wisconsin Senator. He even concedes that McCarthy may have served a useful function in educating Americans about communism. They knew so little about it, he theorizes, that they were unaware of McCarthy's excesses. When they realized how overblown his campaign was and how much damage he was doing, they repudiated him. At no point, he feels, would McCarthy ever have succeeded in seizing political power in the U.S.

"McCarthy turned the Senate Committee into a hangman's circus," he said in retrospect. "He took sadistic joy in clobbering people and hearing the crowd cheer. He had the skill of an executioner. But he didn't have the makings of a leader of a revolution."

The McCarthy era was also useful, he believes, in training the American people to recognize a demagogue. The press seems now to realize, he said, that it was hoodwinked by McCarthy.

It does not seem likely to Harris, at least for this generation, that such a phenomenon will happen again.

Reed Harris' biography gives little hint of a man who, in two dramatic episodes in his life—as a college senior and as a top civil servant—might choose to risk his future to defy some great fad dear to small minds.

He was born in New York of a newspaper family, but spent most of his boyhood in the tiny upstate town of Cambridge, where his mother still lives. He was a printer's devil and an apprentice journalist on a tiny country weekly until he won a one-year scholarship to Staunton Military Academy in Virginia.

The year at Staunton is somewhat remarkable in retrospect in that among its classmates were Barry Goldwater, now a right-wing Senator from Arizona, and Samuel Beer, now a Harvard professor and president of Americans for Democratic Action. Beer was first man in the class, Harris said. Goldwater was near the bottom.

Staunton led to a scholarship to Columbia, where Harris was a hard-working student who put his spare hours into The Spectator, the student newspaper. In his junior year, he married Martha Teller, a girl who had sat next to him in high school Latin class.

The year 1932, when Harris became editor of The Spectator, was tumultuous on the campus. The depression had plunged American life to the depths. And in college football around the country, forty young men were killed.

## The Campus Rebel

Harris, stigmatizing college football as "murder," demanded that Columbia drop the game. He decried its hypocrisy in masquerading as an amateur sport when its standards and methods were professional. He also used The Spectator for sharp critical discussion of world events—which was considered conduct unbecoming a college editor. In addition, he denounced the conduct of the university dining halls—and that precipitated his expulsion.

Harris became one pole of an enormous campus battle. In April, a few days after expelling him, Columbia reinstated him; Harris then withdrew from the university. Although his classmates voted him "most likely to succeed," he never received his diploma.

After Columbia, he went through several newspaper jobs, then gave advertising a try. In 1934, he went to Washington to work as an editor for a WPA project. In 1938, he returned to New York to edit travel books about Europe, but war soon made these books obsolete.

He went back into the federal government in 1939 in the New York branch of what later became the Office of War Information. In 1943, he joined the Army Air Corps. He was stationed in Texas throughout his time in service.

After the war, he joined the State Dept., which had absorbed the OWI. He reorganized the department's communications network to meet the expanding demands of American diplomacy. Then he took on the job of reorganizing State Dept. publications. In 1950, he went into the information service, where he remained until McCarthy got him.

### He Knew the Risk

Ironically, almost every change of job had required a security check. By 1953, the FBI had cleared Harris six or seven times. Several times he passed the rigorous test known as "full field investigation."

"I knew what I was doing when I went up to the Hill that day," he reminisced. "I knew the chance I was taking by defying McCarthy. But I could not let him step all over me and over my agency."

Ed Murrow once devoted most of one of his "See It Now" television documentaries to Harris' appearance before McCarthy. But the two men did not become really acquainted until a few months ago.

By that time, Murrow, as director of USIA, was running into some of the bottlenecks that bureaucracies inevitably present. Unaccustomed to these problems, he looked for help. Someone told him Reed Harris was the man he needed.

Harris went back on the payroll a few days ago as Murrow's executive assistant. His old friends from another day welcomed him back with warmth and delight.

For the record, Murrow says Harris was hired to perform an important executive function. But he does not deny that Harris' return would serve also as a symbol to the staff of the Information Agency that the McCarthy era is officially over.

Reed Harris is no longer on "leave of absence."



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